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WAR AND PEACE.

NANKING OVERTURE TO PEKING.

CHANG TSO-LIN'S VIEW.

Chiang Kai-shek Confident of Victory in North.

FALL OF CAPITAL PREDICTED BEFORE JUNE

Much of importance concerning war and peace prospects in China is contained in a series of overnight cables. On the face of things, not all the reports can be true. Side by side, however, they make interesting reading and shed light on the situation.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the Peking dictator, is said to have expressed agreement with suggestions of peacemakers from Nanking. General Li Tsung-jen, a colleague of Marshal Li Chai-sum, has proposed transforming the Nationalist armies into labour corps for national work. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek declares that the Nationalists outnumber the Peking troops by five to two and is confident as to success. His henchman, General Ho Ying-chin, predicts the fall of Peking before the Dragon Boat festival (June 22).

MARSHAL LI'S PART.

A Tientsin cable to the "Kung Sheung Yat Po" says that Marshal Chang Tso-lin has expressed himself as in agreement with the proposals of an official from Nanking, who is suggesting peace in China. Marshal Chang adds that his reason for entering the Great Wall (i.e., coming in from Manchuria) was to save the country. He is not out for aggrandisement, he continues, and defeat or victory is immaterial to him.

Sounding Others' Views.

General Li Tsung-jen is the author of an interesting cabled suggestion to the Nationalist Government in Nanking. His idea to is cut down the number of Nationalist troops, to limit the number of men under arms in each province, and to have a central authority for military and financial matters. General Li is either at Nanking or Hankow. He is a colleague of Marshal Li Chai-sum. The report continues that General Li is also sounding the views of Marshal Li Chai-sum, General Wong Shiu-hung of Kwangsi, General Lung Yen of Yunnan and others.

Confident of Success.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in an address to Pressmen, predicts that the next heavy fighting will be south of the Yellow River (where, of course, the Nationalists and the "Christian General's" Kuominchun have been trying to advance north towards Peking). He is confident of success and the issue is already decided, he adds. In his estimate, Peking has, at most, 200,000 men in the field, while the Nationalists have 500,000.

Marshal Li's Visit.

General Ho Ying-chin has been one of Chiang Kai-shek's most consistent supporters. He recently commanded the 1st Army and was then made Chief-of-Staff. Interviewed at Shanghai, he says that the order for a general offensive will be given as soon as Chiang Kai-shek goes up to Hsuchowfu (on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway). He forecasts the downfall of Peking by the Dragon Boat Festival, says the cabled report.

General Ho also referred to Marshal Li Chai-sum's visit to Nanking. He indicates that it may be connected with discussion anent Canton's contributing to expenses for renewal of the war.

Troops For The Front.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

General Chien Ta-chun's troops (from Canton) are to be stationed around Shanghai and Woosung.

General Fong Ting-ying's former Whampoa Cadets (also from Canton) are going up to the front forthwith.—"Kung Sheung Yat Po."

Pukow, Saturday.

About 2,600 Nationalist troops left here to-day for the northern front.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Pukow is just opposite Nanking.]

WAITING FOR HIM.

Chiang Kai-shek To Meet Marshal Li.

Shanghai, Saturday.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek left Hankow for Kiukiang to meet Marshal Li Chai-sum, who, it is learned, had proposed to proceed to inspect his troops in Hsuchowfu, but hearing that Marshal Li Chai-sum was on his way to Nanking, he has decided to wait until Marshal Li arrives.—"Wah Keung Po."

CANTON DENIAL.

Report on Railway Links.

Canton, Saturday.

The Canton Political Sub-Council received a telegram on the 9th inst. from the Nanking Political Council asking whether it was true that the Canton Government was negotiating with the Hong Kong Government for the joining of the Canton-Hankow and Kowloon-Canton railways. In reply the Canton Central Executive Committee states that the rumour is absolutely false.—"Wah Keung Po."

THRUST IN DARK.

That 'Big" Peking Victory Explained.

Peking, Saturday.

The report of a Northern success at Kweiteh is not confirmed here. It is not claimed in Fengtien circles which state that fighting on a serious scale has not yet commenced. At the same time, it is interesting to note that some well-informed foreign-trained Chinese are willing to bet that Sun Chuan-fang will be at Pukow within two months, and that Feng Yu-hsiang will be driven towards Western Honan, basing their conclusions on the immense quantities of arms and munitions now possessed by the Northerners compared with their rivals.

Strange Story.

A strange story is widely circulating among the Chinese which is believed by the masses and more than half credited by many others. A priest of "Sleeping Buddha Temple," on the Western Hills, relates that he could not sleep one night recently owing to strange noises. He finally rose and went to the courtyard where he found the famous sleeping Buddha walking round. The Buddha told the trembling priest that an era of peace would dawn for China next autumn.—Reuter.

Railway Cut.

Peking, Yesterday.

It now transpires that an irregular force under Generals Ting and Chin (previously supporters of ex-Marshal Wu Pei-fu), cut the Lung-Hai Railway, and attacked the "Christian General's" Kuominchun. It appears that they have been hiding in the mountains for months and recently offered their allegiance to General Sun Chuan-fang of the Peking Army, who agreed to incorporate them into his forces if they first performed a meritorious deed. They accordingly attacked the Kuominchun communications, evidently with some

WHITE GLOVES.

A "Maiden" Sessions Calendar.

TO-DAY'S PRESENTATION.

Third Time Within Over Twenty Years.

For the third time for over twenty years, there was a "maiden" Sessions at the Supreme Court this morning and Mr. Justice J. R. Wood who sat in the absence of the Chief Justice, Sir H. C. Gollan, was, in accordance with time-honoured custom, presented with a pair of white gloves by Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Deputy Registrar.

There were present in Court, in addition to His Lordship and the Deputy Registrar, the Attorney-General, Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, the Crown Solicitor, Mr. H. K. Holmes, the Assistant Crown Solicitor, Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith and the Acting Assistant Attorney-General, Mr. H. S. Fitzroy.

The Deputy Registrar, addressing His Lordship, said: My Lord, there are no cases this Session and I beg Your Lordship's acceptance of a pair of white gloves in accordance with the old established custom.

The Attorney-General.

The Attorney-General also addressed His Lordship as follows: The empty Session, though not unique, is very rare. I have been connected with the Supreme Court for over twenty years and before that it was part of my duty to commit cases to the Criminal Sessions. I can recall only two previous instances of a "maiden" Session. Relief therefore comes seldom and I think that all of us engaged under the guidance of the Court from month to month in the administration of Criminal justice—the juries and officials of the Court, Crown Solicitors' department, Police and my own department — may congratulate ourselves and respectfully congratulate Your Lordship on this occasion. The task on which we are engaged from month to month in our respective roles is often a heavy one involving close attention and often very anxious thought and we are glad to be relieved of it if only during one month. As there is no crime in the Colony this month perhaps I might pay a tribute to the Police whose work in the suppression, detecting and punishment of crime is so important and whose energy, skill and courage in the face of danger we all of us so much appreciate.

Mr. Justice Wood.

Mr. Justice Wood: I thank you, Mr. Attorney, for attending here this morning at this Session. I thank also the Deputy Registrar and officers of the Court for observing the time-honoured custom of the Court on this occasion. It is a real pleasure to me to be presiding in this Court to-day and to take part in this ceremony. The occurrence of an empty criminal calendar must be a matter of gratification to the community as a whole and more especially to the officers of the Police department who are responsible for the maintenance of law and order in this Colony and the security of our lives and property. I thank you.

This closed the presentation ceremony.

(The two previous occasions on which there have been similar presentations on the occasion of "maiden" Sessions were in June, 1914, when Sir Henry Gompertz was acting as Chief Justice and in November, 1904, when Sir Henry Spencer Berkeley was acting as Chief Justice.)

GIB. "COALIES."

TROUBLE WITH STRIKING LABOURERS.

Gibraltar, Yesterday.

The employment of imported labour to replace striking coalheavers has resulted in a disturbance, excited crowds parading the police station and demanding the release of 26 coalheavers who were arrested after intimidating the new labourers aboard a ship. The crowd also demonstrated at the Governor's residence. They subsequently returned and tried to rush the police station, but were dis-

BURNED TO DEATH

Shocking Fatality At A School.

FIVE CASUALTIES.

Fire At Nursery School For Children Whose Parents Are Abroad.

London, Yesterday.

One boy and four girls between four and five years of age were burned to death in a mid-night fire at a nursery school called "Hightrees" at Salfords, Surrey, chiefly patronised by parents living in India and other tropical countries.

The victims were Graham Trevetham, whose parents are believed to be in Egypt, Dickie Waters, Pamela French, Desmond Lowden and Francis Smith, who occupied a bedroom on the top floor of a block which was gutted.

Three others in the same room were rescued and 30 others elsewhere in the block safely removed.—Reuter.

THE AIR LINK.

Canton Director To Visit Colony.

Following the visit of a British flying expert to Canton last week to discuss the subject of an aerial service between Hong Kong and Canton, the Colony is to have a call from General Cheung Wai-chiang, Director of the Canton Air Department, who will fully examine local possibilities and confer with the local authorities.

The subject is dealt with at greater length in to-day's editorial columns.

THE LAST LAP.

BRITISH FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA.

WOMAN PASSENGER.

London, Yesterday.

Captain Lancaster and Mrs. Keith Miller, who are flying to Australia, have arrived at Sumatra. They have thus reached the last stage of their flight if they follow the same programme as Capt. Hinkler who covered the thousand miles between Bima and Port Darwin in one stage.

This flight began in the middle of October and has been adventurous. On November 1 the aeroplane was caught in a sandstorm between Palestine and Bagdad and was compelled to come down in the desert.

After leaving Rangoon a large snake was found in the cockpit. A week later the aeroplane crashed on an island off the coast of Sumatra, both Captain Lancaster and Mrs. Miller being slightly injured.—Reuter.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

N. or variable winds, light; fine to cloudy, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone has weakened and is central over S.W. Japan. The depression has passed into Pacific.

Another has formed over S.E. Mongolia.

Moderate monsoon may be expected over the N. China Sea.

TRIBAL ATTACK.

15,000 SHEEP CARRIED OFF.

SHARP FIGHTING.

Basra, Yesterday.

Persian tribes in the Pushtuku aren yesterday attacked the Iraqi Benilam tribe of Sheikh Gum Fudh on the Iraq-Persian frontier near Amara and carried off 15,000 sheep.

Gum Fudh sent a band of armed retainers in pursuit of the raiders and sharp fighting ensued. A Persian leader was wounded and there were many casualties on both sides.

A commission has been sent to Amara to enquire into the affair.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar, on Monday, was 2/0 3/16 [illegible]

SWABUE SOVIET.

Cantonese Troops In Action.

REVERSE AND SUCCESS.

Red Leader's Clansmen Deported From Macao.

Reverses were suffered by the Cantonese troops last week at the hands of the Swabue Soviet hordes but a counter-attack has proved successful, according to the latest report.

From Macao comes the news that two clansmen of the Pang Bai, the leader of the local Communist government in the Hoifung and Lukfung districts (of which Swabue is the port), have been deported from Macao at the request of the Canton Criminal Investigation Department.

Units of Three Armies.

News from reliable sources indicates that units of several denominations took part in the action against the Reds. Some of the troops are from General Chen Ming-chu's 11th Nationalist Army. Others are Kwangsi men who were sent by ship by General Pei Chung-hsi from Shanghai a few months ago when another body of Reds held Swatow for a week. There were also two regiments from the 13th division (of the 4th Army) which General Chui King-tong had ordered back to Canton.

Pressure Exerted.

It transpires that the Canton Government forces on the East River have done little fighting as was at first reported. Pressure was exerted on the Hoifung and Lukfung districts where the Red reign has abated. However, the Red rabble marched eastward from Swabue (in the direction of Swatow) and laid siege to the capital of one district not far from Swatow. The Reds were checked by the regulars who, because of not having sufficient numbers, were unable to follow up the advantage.

Red Agents' Movements.

From unofficial sources it is learned that a number of Russians who assisted Pang Bai have left Swabue because they were anxious on account of the proximity of the regular troops.

Communist agents are still passing back and forth between Swabue and Malaya, most of them going via Swatow and Amoy in preference to transhipping at Hong Kong.

It is also stated that a number, having heard of the Red rising in south Hunan, have ventured up to Shanghai, whence to go up the Yangtsze to Hankow, and then make for Hunan.

All in all, the movement does not appear to have been checked, although the Canton forces are now within striking distance.

Hankow Executions.

Hankow, Saturday.

Following the recent Communist atrocities in Hunan the local anti-Red campaign has again been intensified.

There have been 18 executions during the last two days.

The situation is outwardly quiet, but the authorities seem to find ground for apprehension.—Reuter.

TWO ACCIDENTS.

BUILDING OPERATIVES INJURED.

Two accidents to builders' workmen occurred on Saturday, and both men were removed to the Government Civil Hospital in more or less serious conditions.

A workman named Lam Lin (32) was at work repairing the roof of No. 82, Percival-street, Wanchai, on Saturday afternoon, when he missed his footing and fell into the street. He received such severe injuries to his head that he died soon after his admission to the hospital.

The other man was Wan Ip-cheong (22) who was taken to the hospital from the Naval Dockyard at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning. He was suffering from had injuries to the head and body received when some bricks fell on him whilst he was at work on a new building in the course of construction in the [illegible]

"HERMES" RETURNS.

After Refit And Re-Commission.

"ARGUS" TO GO.

Particulars Of China Station Aircraft Carrier.

Having left the China Station six months ago for refitting and recommission, H.M.S. "Hermes," the aircraft carrier, returned to Hong Kong this morning and is now at Naval Buoy No. 6.

The "Hermes" is permanently attached to the China Station and the "Argus," which is not so attached but which has remained here during the absence of the "Hermes" will be leaving Hong Kong for Home in a few days.

The "Hermes" is the only vessel in the British fleet to be built specially as an aircraft carrier—the "Argus," "Ark Royal," "Pegasus" and "Furious" are all reconstructed merchantmen, commissioned during the war—and is known as the most mysterious of the Navy's mystery ships. No one serving on her is allowed to have a camera in his kit and the secrets of the vessel are most carefully guarded although, during her stay in Hong Kong last year, the officers were most hospitable in their entertainment.

Veritable Aerodrome.

The "Hermes" may be generally described as a sea-going aerodrome. All that the war taught us about the most efficient way of constructing this type of ship was incorporated in her design. She carries twenty machines which go up and down from the hangars to the flying deck by electric lifts and she is equipped with all workshops.

With the "Argus," funnel gases are led away at the stern but it was found in practice that this was not a very satisfactory arrangement owing to the fact that an aeroplane coming over the stern of an aircraft carrier is more likely to be caught in the funnel gases than when the gases are discharged through a funnel placed amidships at a good height above the deck. In the "Hermes" the bridge superstructure and the funnel is placed to one side of the ship and a large superstructure is built above the main deck with the hoisting apparatus. She is a quaint, ungainly looking craft but hardly in appearance as incongruous as the "Argus" which, without the familiar funnel appears to be merely a floating hull with a platform.

The "Hermes" has a displacement of 10,850 tons, a length of 599½ feet, breadth 70-ft. 3-ins., draught 18-ft. 7-ins. She was built at Elswick, launched in 1919 and completed in 1924 and is driven by geared turbines developing 40,000 h.p. and a speed of 25 knots. She has seven 5.5-ins. guns, three 4-ins. anti aircraft, four three-pounders and two two-pounder pom poms and carries a complement of 531.

WHITE SLAVERY.

CONSIDERATION AT GENEVA.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The seventh session of the committee on the white slave traffic concluded and adopted the report to be presented at the next session of the Council of the League in June.

The report calls attention to the fact that many Governments have not yet acceded to the international white slave convention and proposes that the agenda of the next session include questions to the International Convention for the voluntary or compulsory repatriation of prostitutes and the extension to the Far East of the inquiry by a special body of experts.

The report is accompanied by a questionnaire on the protection of women music hall artistes touring abroad, which will be submitted to all Governments.—Reuter.

KNOCKED DOWN.

Whilst on beat duty in Queen's-road West at midnight last night, a Chinese police constable was knocked down by public motor car No. 144 and received severe injury to his skull. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital in a very serious condition.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

Dr. Koch's Questions On Malaria.

THREE YEARS' WORK.

What Is Done To Combat The Disease.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary Board, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions:—

1.—Pending the arrival of a malaria expert, and, as the work of malaria prevention should be continuously carried out on the usual well-known lines will the authorities state what has been done in this direction in this Colony and the New Territory during the past three years as regards:—

(a) the training of nullahs,
(b) reclamation of swamps,
(c) dealing with paddy fields and other forms of wet cultivation.

2.—Does this Department continue to send out an inspector and a squad of men to search for and locate mosquito infected and mosquite breeding places and to deal with them.

3.—(a) How many cases of malaria have been under treatment during the past three years, yearly, in the public dispensaries and hospitals under Government inspection and control, giving the number in each Institution.

(b) How many deaths from malaria have been recorded in such Institutions?

(c) How many cases have been diagnosed clinically, and how many by microscopic examination?

4.—Could statistics be obtained from the Military authorities as to the prevalence of malaria in this command?

5.—Could this Department undertake or direct a campaign of instruction among the people by lectures and demonstrations on the prevalence and prevention of malaria calling in, if necessary, the dispensary medical staff, the Y.M.C.A. and any other bodies which would offer their services?

A WHITE BRIDE.

AMERICAN MARRIES HINDU MAHARAJA.

NATIVE RITES.

Barwhai, Yesterday.

The third marriage of the ex-Maharaja of Indore was solemnised at sunset according to the highest Hindu and Vedic rites with the Devi Sharmistha, the Hindu name of Miss Nancy Miller.

The bride and bridegroom entered the house separately, barefooted and dressed in costly silks and with foreheads bearing bright caste marks of scarlet powder. They stood on other side of the curtain. Hymns opened the ceremony which lasted two hours at an auspicious time chosen according to astrological calculations.

On the curtain being raised bride and bridegroom garlanded each other and made formal acquaintance. They were then presented to the assembly as would-be spouses. The sacred peepal tree was then lighted and surrounded by Brahmin priests.

The bride was given away "for the god of love, for wealth and for the blessing of procreation."

Bride and bridegroom wound round themselves a long hand-made cotton thread soaked with turmeric, *signifying that they were tied for life.* They walked seven times round the fire promising adherence to their vows, and then called upon the sun, moon and stars to witness their marriage.—Reuter.

FELL INTO HOLD.

The Water Police on Saturday removed to the Government Civil Hospital four Chinese deck passengers from the s.s. "Tinhow." The men were injured whilst they were asleep on the hatch on board the ship. The beam supporting the hatch cover suddenly gave way, and the four sleeping men fell into the hold, all receiving injuries which necessitated medical atten-

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

STOCKING CHANGES.

SILK NOW REPLACES LISLE.

HEALTHY HOSIERY TRADE.

The committee which is inquiring into the application of the hosiery trade for an order under the Safeguarding of Industries Act for a duty on imported hosiery sat at the Board of Trade Offices, Westminster.

Mr. Robert Walker, the buyer of the hosiery department of a Leeds firm, opposed the application, his general view of the trade being that it was in as healthy a condition as it had ever been in his thirty-six years' association with it.

"In ladies' hosiery in recent years," he said, "British artificial silk has almost entirely displaced foreign silk and lisle hose. Our purchases of foreign goods during the past ten years have declined year by year." His experience was that British manufacturers were busy. Orders given months ago had not yet been completed, the reason given by the manufacturers for the delay being that they were too busy.

Mr. H. A. Duckworth, a buyer for a Manchester firm, said that in pre-war days British manufacturers used to say that they could keep all their available machines running with medium and better-class goods, and they asked why they should bother with the lower end of the rade. To-day he knew of one enterprising manufacturer who was busy beating the foreigner producing cheap goods and filling his order books, while his colleagues were discussing the question of tariffs.

Mr. N. Ensworth, a director of Messrs. Ensworth and Robinson, Ltd., said he knew of no idle hosiery machinery except that used for making ribbed hosiery, the demand for which had been on the wane for many years.

Mr. William Barker, a traveller, said he had made journeys with the object of finding out the state of trade. In the Hinckley district he found five hosiery factories exhibiting notice boards advertising for workers, four in the Leicester district, and seven in the Loughborough and Derby district. From general inquiries he learned that trade was good. There was a general atmosphere of real prosperity in Leicester, and he was told that Hinckley was the most flourishing town in England at the present time.

Mr. Michael Lyons, manufacturers' agent, said that one foreign firm sent their designers twice yearly to the Riviera and other places where smart people gathered to look for anything new, and they added at least twenty to fifty new machines yearly.

AMERICAN GOLD.

$12,000,000 SHIPPED TO FRANCE.

Le Havre, Saturday.

A liner from America has brought twelve million dollars of gold ingots.—Reuter's American Service.

During the first quarter of the business year 1927-28 (Oct. 1 to Dec. 31), the turnover of the German Steel Trust totalled £18,083,500, of which the home sales accounted for £13,000,000 and the foreign sales for the remainder. The turnover for the whole of the previous business year amounts to £71,000,000. The production of pig-iron and raw steel shows a further increase, being the highest since the foundation of the steel trust on April 1, 1926.

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GLASS INDUSTRY.

AN INTERESTING BRITISH SURVEY.

DESCENDANTS OF VENETIANS

The glass and glassware industry of the United Kingdom, which is a very old established and important one, can broadly be divided into the following sections:—

Domestic, fancy, and illuminating glassware;
Plate and sheet glass;
Bottles and glass containers;
Other types (including machinery, scientific, etc.)

Plate and sheet glass, and bottles and glass containers generally are produced in large and well equipped factories. The output is obtained mainly from automatic machines of most elaborate description, human labour employed in glass working operations being reduced to the lowest possible limit. In striking contrast the production of decorative and oramental glassware (including table glassware) still retains to a very large extent the characteristics of a handcraft industry, and the use of machines for production is strictly limited.

British Reputation.

The reputation of United Kingdom manufacturers of table and decorative glassware is world-wide, for the production of the highest qualities of crystal, cut and decorated wares. Although it is difficult to trace the early origin of the industry, it seems that a few Venetian glassworkers came to England in 1549, followed by other bands of foreign workmen, including a number of Huguenots who arrived in England about the year 1575. These workers appear to have settled in the neigbourhood of the forests of Surrey and Sussex, and later, when the use of wood fuel was prohibited, journeyed north, some of them staying in the Stourbridge district, which is to-day the home of this section of the industry.

Small Beginnings.

From these small beginnings it is recorded that by the middle of the 17th, century the industry had become soundly established, and before the close of that century had not only begun to establish a reputation, but had also developed definite national characteristics. The three contributions of special importance to this industry were the use of coal as fuel, the introduction of covered pots for glass manufacture, and the discovery of the valuable qualities of lead to the glass industry. Lead as a raw material may have been used as early as 1635, but it is definite that in 1662 a patent was granted to Thomas Tilson, who claimed to have invented a "glass of lead."

Lead Glass.

It was this lead glass and its successive development that brought fame to English glass making and gradually ousted Venetian and Bohemian glassware.

To-day the Stourbridge area possesses a unique reputation for the production of the highest quality of table and decorative crystal glassware. Many of the men employed in the works are the direct descendants of the old craftsmen referred to above, who by their skill and aptitude demonstrated the artistic possibilities of lead glass, which enables such brilliant effects to be obtained.

Skill and Dexterity.

It is only after seeing hand glass makers at work that one realises to the full extent, their skill and dexterity, because the tools employed are the essence of simplicity, and very few in number even for the production of the most intricate pieces of work. The chief equipment and tools used are the glassmaker's chair, blowing pipes, the pontil, two or three sizes of spring pincers or pucellas, shears, calipers, a rule, compasses, and various pieces of hard wood. The equipment in the cutting and decorating shop is equally simple, and again demonstrates the essential handcraft nature of this industry. The decoration generally follows the form of cutting, engraving, intaglio, or etching or a combination of these methods, as the effectiveness of decorated crystal or lead glassware is due to the innate property of such glassware to refract and disperse light; and it is the aim and object of the designer and decorator to produce a pattern which will develop these qualities to the best effect.

It is fitting, therefore that this old and great industry of Britain should be adequately represented at the British Industries Fair.

WOOLLEN TRADE

£2,000 A YEAR FOR RESEARCH.

Research work for the woollen and worsted industries, which has been carried on at Leeds for some years, will be extended as a result of a recent decision of the Empire Marketing Board.

The Board has decided to grant a capital sum of £7,000 and an annual contribution of £2,000 to the responsible association.

The capital sum will be utilised in providing additonal laboratories, and the research staff will be considerably augmented.

Sir James Hinchliffe, chairman of the Research Association, said to a reporter:

The grant is most welcome. We are only at the beginning of our research work. Hitherto we have relied on rule-of-thumb methods, but we must have scientific research if we are to hold our own in the keen world competition which prevails to-day.

Reminder: annual meeting of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. at the company's town office, to-morrow at 12 noon.

KWANGTUNG TRADE.

AMERICA'S FAVOURABLE BALANCE.

Peking, Saturday.

Figures compiled by the American Commercial Attache show that while American exports to China Proper materially decreased in 1927 compared with 1926, those to the Kwangtung territory have greatly increased.

While American imports from China were $60,000,000 more than exports thereto, American trade with Kwangtung showed a favourable trade balance of nearly $3,000,000.—Reuter.

A wireless service has been organised between Angora and Teheran in liaison with London.

In the lock-out in the Swedish sawmills, some 18,000 workers were affected. The stoppage due to the conflict in the wood-pulp industry, in which the award of the Mediation Commission was rejected by the workers and accepted by the employers. Some 17,000 wood-pulp workers were locked out, so that with the sawmill employees some 35,000 workers were idle.

HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888, & 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high-and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

March 16 to 22, 1928.

Date		High Water		Lower Water	
March		Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	Ht.
Fri.	16	No inferior 4 18a	High 6.1	m 0 9 nor Low	2.3 water
Sat.	17	No inferior 5 27a	High 6.5	m 1 1 nor Low	1.8 wate
Sun.	18	m 8 32 6 29a	4.2 6.9	m 1 33 0 4 a	1.4 3.9
Mon.	19	m 8 45 7 26a	4.5 7.3	m 2 14 1 8 a	1.0 3.4
Tues	20	m 9 2 8 19a	4.8 7.5	m 2 47 2 3 a	0 8 2.9
Wed.	21	m 9 23 9 9a	5.1 7 5	m 3 19 2 52 a	0.8 2 3
Thurs	22	m 9 48 9 57a	5.5 7.3	m 3 51 3 39 a	1 0 1.8

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

			March 8, 1928. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛尾骨	lb.	28	24	12
" Prime Cut		"	28	28	12
" Corned	咸牛肉	"	—	23	12
" Roast	燒肉牛	"	28	24	22
" Breast	牛腩肉	"	24	20	18
" Soup	湯牛肉	"	26	20	18
" Steak	牛柳肉	"	28	24	22
" Steak Sirloin	牛柳腰肉	"	40	30	35
" Sausages	牛中腰腸	"	40	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛中腦	per set	15	10	12
" Tongue, fresh	牛腩脷	each	65	50	60
" Tongue, corned	咸牛脷	"	—	60	—
" Head	牛頭	"	$1.20	—	$1.20
" Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14
" Hump, Salt	牛肩頭腩	"	34	20	18
" Feet	牛蹄	each	8	10	12
" Kidneys	牛腰	"	15	10	12
" Tail	牛尾	"	28	20	22
" Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18	14
" Tripe	牛肚	"	7	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔頭蹄	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排骨	lb.	48	22	—
" Leg	羊脾	"	48	25	—
" Shoulder	羊手	"	46	24	—
" Saddle	羊肉	"	46	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	豬腸	"	35	—	27
" Brains	豬腦	Per set	3	—	12
" Feet	豬蹄什	lb.	15	15	—
" Fry	豬什頭	"	28	15	18
" Head	豬頭	"	15	20	—
" Heart	豬心	each	15	10	10
" Kidneys	豬腰	"	15	10	8
" Liver	豬肝	lb.	45	30	24
Pork Chop	豬排骨	"	32	25	23
" Leg	豬腿	"	32	—	—
" Loin	豬後腰	"	36	60	70
" Fat or Lard	豬油	"	26	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭蹄	per set	85	60	70
" Heart	羊心	each	12	8	7
" Kidneys	羊腰	"	15	12	10
" Liver	羊肝	"	46	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order.	乳豬	lb.	26	25	22
Suet, Beef	鮮牛油	"	30	20	18
" Mutton	鮮羊油	"	46	26	26
Veal	牛仔肉	"	36	20	19
" Sausages	牛仔腸	"	36	20	20
" " No. 1		"	30	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	鯪魚	lb.	58	19	24
Bream	鯇魚	"	35	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish.	(塘養水)鮮淡海(產省)	"	28	13	16
Carp	鯉魚	"	32	16	27
Catfish	鯰魚	"	26	12	9
Codfish	鱈魚	"	36	20	25
Crabs	蟹	"	40	23	26
Cuttle Fish	魷魚	"	28	16	2
Dab		"	48	23	16
Dace	青魚尾肚	"	46	20	—
Dog Fish	鯊魚	"	16	10	8
Eels, Conger	鰻鱔魚	"	35	16	—
" Fresh Water	淡水鰻	"	30	10	18
" Yellow	黃鰻	"	22	26	30
Frogs	田雞	"	30	32	25
Garoupa	石班	"	80	40	30
Gudgeon	白鮓	"	30	22	18
Herrings	鯡魚	"	26	18	23
Halibut	白甲花魚	"	32	18	15
Labrus	鯒魚	"	32	22	18
Loach	鰍魚	"	46	22	24
Lobsters	龍蝦	"	45	32	21
Mackerel	鯖魚	"	30	20	26
Monk Fish	鮟鱇魚	"	35	13	2
Mullet	烏頭魚	"	25	13	2
Oysters	蠔豉	"	26	16	22
Parrot Fish	鸚哥魚	"	28	14	9
Perch	公班	"	28	20	15
Pike	梭魚	"	32	16	9
Plaice	比目魚	"	44	26	29
Pomfret, Black	鯧魚	"	48	36	30
Pomfret, White	白鯧魚	"	56	36	45
Prawns	明蝦	"	65	10	14
Ray	琵琶魚	"	15	10	14
Rock Fish	石斑魚	"	30	13	18
Roach	鯽魚	"	30	22	16
Salmon	三文魚	"	70	36	30
Shark	鯊魚	"	12	8	10
Skate	魟魚	"	14	10	10
Shrimps	蝦仁	"	48	32	30
Snapper	鯛魚	"	45	26	35
Soles	龍利魚	"	45	28	28
Tench	鯉魚	"	35	22	18
Turbot	左口魚	"	32	18	12
Turtles, small, fr. water	龜	"	1.28	40	—

Poultry.

			March 8, 1928. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	50	30	31
Capons, Small	線雞	"	45	28	30
Capons, Large	肥線雞	"	50	28	30
Duck	鴨	"	40	22	21
Doves	乳鴿	each	—	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	32	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	"	33	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	65	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	"	40	36	24
Geese	鵝	"	45	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	60	30	—
" Hollow	海口鴿	"	40	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火鷄公	lb.	70	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	"	60	51	45
Snipe	沙鷸	each	—	—	—
Pheasant	山雞	pair	—	—	—
Quail	鵪鶉	each	30	—	2
Partridges	鷓鴣	"	85	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	55	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋菓	"	24	24	—
Bananas (bride's)	糞山香蕉	"	6	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	"	—	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	12	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	14	7	6
Lemons (America)	金山檸檬	each	9	8	6
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	48	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	"	13	—	—
Oranges	橙	"	18	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	"	14	—	—
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	"	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	"	4	3	—
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	15	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	18	—	16
Grapes	葡萄子	"	—	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	鵝芝竹	each	10	—	8
Beans, Sprout	芽菜	lb.	4	—	7
" Long	豆角	"	—	8	—
Beet Root	紅西瓜	lb.	10	—	—
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	"	—	5	9
Brinjals, Green	青紅瓜	"	8	5	9
" Red	紅瓜	"	8	5	3
Cabbage, Chinese	菜菜	"	6	—	—
" (Shanghai)	鄉菜	"	6	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	蔗	"	5	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大鄉菜花	each	20	—	—
" (Medium)	中鄉菜花	"	16	—	—
" (Small)	細鄉菜花	"	12	6	6
Carrots	金塘菜笋	lb.	6	6	6
Celery, Chinese	芹菜	"	6	10	6
Chillies, Dried	乾海椒	"	25	25	5
" Red	紅青椒	"	40	10	16
" Green	青椒	"	18	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	菜用材料	"	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	"	18	2	—
Garlic	蒜	"	10	6	6
Ginger, Young	薑子	"	8	7	—
" Old	老薑	"	6	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai		"	30	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	"	8	45	—
Lettuce	生菜	"	5	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	"	8	—	8
" Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	"	12	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草菇	"	—	—	3
Okroes		"	14	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋香西葱	"	9	8	8
" Green	生葱	"	5	4	6
" Shanghai	上海葱	"	6	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	"	5	3	—
Potato, Sweet	番日本薯仔	"	4	3	—
" Japanese	金山薯仔	"	6	3	—
" American	多紅薯仔	"	4	4	4
Pumpkin	瓜仔菜	"	5	—	—
Radish	大蘿蔔	"	15	—	10
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大干蔥	"	8	8	—
Shallots	蔥	"	6	4	—
Spinach	菠蘿菜	"	9	7	—
Tomatoes	番茄	"	5	6	—
Taros	芋頭	"	4	4	—
Turnips, Punti (Long)	蘿蔔菜	"	—	4	—
Vegetable Marrow	棒	"	4	—	—
Water Cress	西洋菜	"	5	15	—
Water Lily Root	蓮藕	"	5	6	—

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EASTER MEETING.
Saturday, 31st March, 1928.

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ENTRIES close before NOON, Wednesday, 20th March, 1928.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON

TUESDAY, the 20th March, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m.,

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street,

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THE GENERAL MEETING of the Victoria Recreation Club will take place at the V.R.C. at 6 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 20th March, 1928.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th March, 1928 at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1927.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 22nd day of March, to THURSDAY, the 29th day of March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 16th March, 1928.

NOTICE.

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS, will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 20th March, 1928, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 6th March, 1928.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of March, 1928, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 13th March, 1928, until WEDNESDAY, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1928.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1928.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN.

WORK OF LOCAL CHINESE ASSOCIATION.

GIRLS' ENTHUSIASM.

The eighth annual meeting of the Chinese Young Women's Christian Association was held on Saturday at 127, Caine-road, Mrs. Ma Wing-chan, the President, being in the chair.

The report for 1927 was presented on behalf of the Board of Directors by Miss Shin Tak-hing and the financial report was given by Mrs. Ma Ying-pui. The report of the nominating committee, which was submitted by Miss Lei Poon-kun, was accepted, and the following new members were elected to the Board for the coming year: Mrs. Lok Oi-wan, Mrs. Lum Tsan-wai and Mrs. Chung Wing-tai, Mrs. Chau Wai-cheung and Miss Katie Woo were re-elected for another term.

An address given by Mr. Sung Hok-pang on "The Future Needs of the Y.W.C.A." was received with great appreciation. A violin solo by Mr. Pasang and a vocal solo by Mrs. Poon Shek-wa were much enjoyed. At the close of the meeting tea was served.

In the course of the report it was stated that in April, 1927, Miss Shin Tak-hing was elected general secretary by the Board of Directors and thereby Hong Kong has become one of the ten Chinese centres in which there are Chinese general secretaries. It has been possible, also, during this past year to fall into line with the policy of the national Y.W.C.A. in the matter of the sabbatical year for staff members. After six years of devoted service to the local Association, Mrs. S. N. Yung was given a year's leave of absence for study.

It was our great hope (continues the Report) that Miss Nellie Elliott, who has been away for over a year, might be able to return in time for our annual meeting but her departure from Canada has been unavoidably delayed. We are very glad, however, that the National Committee has reappointed her to work in our Association and we hope to welcome her back in the late spring.

Departmental Work.

The departmental work has been carried on as follows: Miss Wong Yuk-mooi has given her time to student and girls' work, Miss Lei Tuen-i has had charge of the education and social departments, while Miss Chau Sui-ying, who joined our staff in September, has carried religious education and membership and acted as hostess for the hostel. Miss Sarah Glass who had been assisting with student and girls' work left for furlough in the spring of 1927 and Miss Maude Klatt was appointed to the staff to help with girls' work. In October, Miss Irene Dean was appointed to help out with the general administration, especially the hostess work, and student work.

We have been honoured by visits from three members of our National Committee and Staff: Mrs. H. C. Mei, chairman of the National Committee and vice-chairman of the World's Committee, Miss Grace Yang, national student secretary, and Miss Mary Kwei, national secretary for children's work. Their visits have helped us to think less provincially and to get a clearer view of the wider significance of the Chinese Y.W.C.A. and the World's Association. Their warm appreciation of the work here has made us strive all the harder to be worthy of their confidence.

As we enter the ninth year of our work here, we face greater needs and greater responsibilities than ever before. Our present quarters are far inadequate to meet the demands that are constantly made upon us. Our most pressing need is for a building which is really adapted to the community that we are trying to serve. It is hoped that before the present year is over, our dream of a new building will be realised. To that end, we shall need the help of all our friends in the community.

It is impossible to estimate the results of all the work that has been carried on this past year, for spiritual growth or the value of *human association* and *fellowship* cannot be expressed in words or statistics. So the following summary is only suggestive of the kinds of channels through which the Association strives to express its purpose:—

Membership.

It has been our policy from the beginning that only those who really understand our purpose and are interested in it should be admitted to membership. And so, we depend, not upon the campaign method, but upon the quiet work of those who are already members to interest others. This past year there have been 327 members enrolled of whom 46 were new. Throughout the year the membership committee has done faithful work in visiting the members to keep them in touch with what the Association is doing.

Since June, Dr. Shin Lok-sang has been acting as honorary medical adviser for the Association. The members and their families have had the privilege of free consultations.

Religious Education.

We believe that every activity of the Association should be the express of our Christian purpose, still we have this department whose special responsibility is to plan for devotional meetings and Bible classes. Nineteen devotional meetings have been held with an average attendance of 37. When the Yunnan mission group visited Hong Kong in October it was our privilege to entertain the three women members of the group and when their journey to Yunnan was prevented, we took the opportunity of inviting one of their number, Miss Djao, to have a series of special meetings. The average attendance at these meetings was over 400.

The World's Week of Prayer was observed in November with a prayer service each morning and a special afternoon meeting on Wednesday at which Miss Grace Yang spoke.

Five Bible classes have been held with an enrolment of 43.

Educational Work.

The work of this department is carried by a committee of eight who meet once each month. It is due to their interest and faithful efforts that the work has grown in Chinese, English, Mandarin, Home Nursing, First Aid, Piano, Accounting, Chinese and foreign Cookery. The total enrolment was 277, over twice as many as were enrolled the previous year.

In the first term, 22 girls qualified in the St. John's examinations for first year certificates in First Aid and 5 for third year certificates while 13 received certificates in Home Nursing. From this group, 20 have been organised into a division of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade and have pledged themselves to work with the Brigade whenever they are needed.

The Educational Committee is responsible also for a Popular Education night school for girls and a class for amahs which meets once a week. 50 are enrolled in the former and 84 in the latter.

Child Welfare.

Our two Health Centres for children of pre-school age, have been under the direction of Dr. K. S. Shin this past year and are conducted each Thursday morning at the Y.M.C.A. and in our own rooms. Here the children are weighed and measured and examined by the doctor and instruction given to the mothers. The average attendance has been 30 and 4 children have had a perfect attendance record.

A Health Conference, also for children of pre-school age, was held on the afternoons of November 7, 8 and 9. The programme included an exhibition, lectures for the mothers and demonstration of proper methods of feeding and bathing infants and physical examinations for children. Ten local physicians generously gave of their time to help with this conference. The lectures were well attended and 116 children were examined.

Social.

The purpose of the social department is to provide opportunities for social intercourse among the members and to promote the Christian fellowship for which the Association stands. This past year there have been nine social meetings with an attendance of 1300. In November two joint meetings were held with the Y.M.C.A. in connection with their Better Homes' Week, with over 500 in attendance at each meeting.

The Hostel.

Even with the limited space that we have for transient guests, we have been able to provide accommodations for 71 during the year. This represents a 50 per cent. increase over the previous year. Some of our guests have come from great distances, from Europe and America. Of course, we are greatly hampered in this form of service because of lack of space but we look forward to the time when we shall be equipped with more adequate facilities for this very important piece of service for travellers.

Girls' Work.

The purpose of this department is to provide for adolescent girls the kind of programme that will help them to develop their latent possibilities and to find the way to abundant living. There are at present three clubs with a membership of 114. There is an advisory committee of 7 members who are making a special study of the psychology and the needs of adolescent girls in order that the programme may be really adapted to them.

One of these clubs, the Pioneers, has charge of a Popular Education night school for girls, whose enrolment is 46.

Student Associations.

There are four student associations in the city with which our Association tries to co-operate in every way possible. Their Joint Cabinet meets in our rooms and plans for the enterprises in which all four groups are concerned. They sent delegates to the summer conference for Christian students in Kwangtung Province. There were 70 delegates at this conference, representing 10 schools and one-fifth of the total number were from Hong Kong.

On Republic Day, October 10, there was a joint meeting for girl students to which nineteen schools sent representatives, making a total attendance of over 600.

A week-end retreat for new cabinet members was held at the residence of the western secretaries, February 18-19. Thirty-five were in attendance and found it a very profitable and enjoyable experience.

We hope in the future to be able to establish more contacts with government and private schools in the city. We are pleased to report that one of the largest private schools has just recently invited Miss Wong to act as adsiser to the student group there.

Finance.

Since the membership fees, the hostel and class receipts do not cover the yearly expenses, the budget difference must be secured in some other day. The finance committee undertake to raise $6,000 as budget difference for this past year and through their own earnest efforts and the loyal support of friends, they were able to secure a little more than that amount. We wish to again express our appreciation to all of them for their generous help.

We wish to express our thanks to the friends who have given such willing assistance as speakers, teachers or in some other form of definite service:—Dr. Iliff, Mrs. Minett, Dr. Stancliff; Misses C. B. Kong, Y. C. Cheng, C. M. Wong, S. H. Ma, M. Y. Cheng, K. Y. Wong, W. L. Ng, W. K. Lei, Y. Y. Chung, C. T. Law, W. C. Chiu, Robertson; Mesdames Hunt, K. C. Mak, C. H. Wong, Y. K. Woo, K. H. Chan; Rev. T. S. Yung, Rev. O. T. Wong, Rev. P. K. Chau, Rev. K. W. Tsang; Drs. S. C. Ho, K. S. Shin, C. W. Ho, S. T. Wong, S. N. Chau, Y. S. Wan, T. C. Wong, T. P. Ng, W. K. Fok; Messrs. P. N. Yeung, S. K. Lo, S. C. Yeung, Y. P. Lei, Macpherson, K. M. Ling, K. Y. Ngan, Y. S. Cho, T. K. Lan, D. Y. Poon, S. K. Cho, W. K. Lei and Sze-To Wai; those who have helped with the programmes at the social meeting; Mr. Tsang Fu, Miss Ho and the owners of the Lok Woo Garden for the use of their gardens for picnics; the Mei Fang School, the Y.M.C.A., the Congregational Church and the Rhenish Mission for lending us space for classes, a health centre and play-ground; the Observatory and the M. Y. San Factory for permission to visit their places; the press, both English and Chinese; and all others who by their interest and prayers have supported the Association this past year.

TRAGEDIES OF MARRIAGE.

Thousands of girls and women marry who are unfit for marriage. It is to this cause that much of the misery of which the world is so full is due.

An anaemic bride begins her married life under an enormous handicap. And anaemia, the blight of **womanhood** the world over, is more prevalent here in the East than in any other part of the globe.

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Two men have been killed and one seriously injured at the Montreal plant of Canadian Vickers, Ltd., through being caught in some machinery.

The authorities were much concerned about the Poo On Chinese Herbs, but the result of the case was a sure cure.

Mrs. De Ve living in cottage 25 on the co-operative cannery grounds, Modesto says, she is certainly thankful for all the Poo On Chinese Herbs have done for her family. Mrs. De Ve says:—"I had bladder trouble for 6 or 7 years, maybe longer, I was always afraid to go to doctors because I knew they would want to operate on me as they had told friends of mine with the same trouble. So I just let it go until I got so bad I had to go to bed. I had all the urinary ills that go with bladder trouble I happened to hear of the Poo On Chinese herbs and what wonderful cures they were making, so I decided to try them. I took the herbs just one week and my bladder trouble is gone."

14 YEAR OLD SON ILL.

My boy Hugo is 14 years old. He had a hard growth on the side of his jaw and it pained him a great deal. As Poo On Herbs have helped me so much, I told Hugo to go down and see what these herbs could do for him. He got some salve and took a couple of teas and his jaw was alright. A few weeks later he took sick again. He caught a bad cold and before we knew it he had quick plural pneumonia. Terrible pains in his back and sides and ached all over. Everyone of our neighbours thought he was dying. I was afraid too but I knew if the Poo On Chinese Herbs could not save him no one could and I didn't want him to die in a hospital. One of my boy had the same thing years ago and they took him, and had to operate on him. They put a tube in his side and oh, how he suffered. He was sick for eight months and even now is not strong. So I didn't want Hugo to go through that. Well, we took him down to the Poo On Chinese Herbs Co., several of us had to help him as he could not stand alone. His back hurt him so and he kept saying: "Oh, My back." The women neighbours just cried as it seemed so bad to see Hugo so sick. We took him back to the cottage after we got some herbs. In a few days he was feeling fine. The third ten stopped ill fever and pain and in a week he was fine and quit taking herbs.

OTHER SON HAD ECZEMA.

About two weeks later my boy Arthur began to suffer with a kind of eczema. His face and head broke out with a rash and itched awfully. Of course he went right down to get some Poo On Chinese Herbs, and in a short time his skin was just like a new born baby. So in my own family I found out just what the Poo On Chinese Herbs could do, but I am going to mention two more cases of neighbours of mine here. One Mrs. Hough who had been operated on twice and advised third operation I told her to take Poo On Chinese Herbs and in couple of days she was much better. After two weeks she was all right and able to go south with her husband.

TESTIFIES TO NEIGHBOURS CHILD.

The other case, little Florence Harper was very severe. She was suffering with dropsy and other complications. She had two physicians treating her and was gradually growing worse. Her stomach was bloated and she was swelling all over, a dropsy condition. Physicians told her they did not know what was the matter, but thought it was appendicitis and wanted to operate, but her mother would not decide. She had known Mr. H. Cousins who was cured of an ailment of long standing and was so well pleased with Poo On Chinese Herbs. So the girl's brother then called at the Poo On Chinese Herbs Co. and obtained some herbs. The little girl had not been able to eat or sleep. After taking the herbs the girl began to sleep fine. In two days the swelling began to go down. In about nine days the swelling was all gone and she was normal. In less than two weeks she was well and back to school.

During the time she was taking the herbs several authorities investigated and all were surprised at the results effected by The Poo On Herbs."

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SHIPPING SECTION.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S REPORT AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S RETURN.

The arrival of vessels as recorded at the Harbour Office, in the time under review, ending at 9 a.m. this morning include a list of 39 vessels, of which the Chinese and British vessels figure prominently with 12 arrivals each.

The cargo imported to this Colony, by the above vessels, totals 15,775 tons, to which amount the British contributed 8,554 tons. Most of the goods imported is general merchandise.

Cargo being shipped through Hong Kong for ports beyond, amounts to a total of 9,381 tons, 5,741 tons are being shipped by British vessels.

With regard to the above figures, the best return shown by one vessel for cargo imported to Hong Kong, was given by the s.s. "Tyndereus" from Kobe—Messrs. B. & S.—6,000 tons general cargo.

The highest figures obtained for cargo being shipped through for ports beyond, was registered by the s.s. "Kutsang" from Singapore—Messrs. J. M. & Co.—4,832 tons general merchandise.

Passengers arrived in Hong Kong in the time under review, by the above vessels, totals 1,211 persons, which include 1,019 European deck; 47 Asiatic deck; 134 European cabin; 11 Asiatic cabin.

Departures.

For Swatow: — Kaijo Maru, Lungshan Maru, Hiram.
For Canton:—Hupeh, Botnia.
For Manila:—Ouderkerk, City of Durkam.
For Shanghai:—Amur Maru.
For Amoy:—Anhui.
For Antow:—Tak Hing.
For Macao:—Tak Hing.
For Shan-Mi:—Cheung On.
For C. Wan-tao:—Tonjer.

Clearances.

For Manila:—City of Asia.
For Canton:—Kanchow.
For Saigon:—Hwah Cheng.

Shipping Abstract.

	Arrival	Departures.	
British	12	13	24
Japanese	8	9	9
Norwegian	2	7	3
Chinese	12	5	20
Dutch	2	2	6
French	2	1	2
Swedish	1	1	0
Danish	0	0	1
German	0	0	1
Portuguese	0	0	2
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MARINE COURT.

Before Commdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., Marine Magistrate, at the Marine Court, six masters and two mistresses of cargo boats were charged by Lance Sergeant Probert of the Water Police for unlawfully mooring at a distance less than 100 yards from low water mark between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. on the 19 inst.

All the accused pleaded guilty and were fined.

U.S. WARSHIPS.

REDUCED PROGRAMME ADOPTED.

ANOTHER CONFERENCE ?

Washington, Saturday.

The House of Representatives, without debate, adopted the amendment to the new warship construction programme, requesting President Coolidge to seek another International Conference for the limitation of naval armaments.—Reuter's American Service.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers sailed from Hong Kong on the "Empress of Asia" for Manila on March 18 were:—

Mr. A. T. Felivana, Mr. C. Bloch, Lt. J. A. Burns, Mrs. Chiong Shi, Mme. M. Caligori, Mr. J. L. Carson, Mr. H. S. Cuerdin, Rev. G. H. Calhoun, Mr. H. F. Daly, Miss P. M. Davie, Mr. Dan Bran Bian, Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Eskey, Mr. R. Fiyinuma, Mr. I. Goto, Dr. & Mrs. J. Gragasin, Mr. M. Guillot, Lt. J. Godman, Mr. T. Hattori, Mr. Ho Soon-yung, Mr. C. Hermoso, Miss P. Hicks, Mtr. T. Incencio, Mr. T. Iiyama, Mr. S. Ichikawa, Dr. G. Intengan, Mr. Jong Yat-chung, Mrs. Jong Yue Shi, Miss J. Jones, Mr. E. Jones, Mr. K. Kameyama, Mrs. Lee Shi, Mr. Lim Chit, Miss Lim Giok-kee, Mr. V. Levy, Mr. T. Mori, Miss D. Madsen, Rev. M. Macquire, Capt. J. A. Moore, Mr. Ngan Heng, Mr. Ngo Ca-hu, Mr. K. Osaka, Mr. Ow-Yong Pun-shek, Rev. T. O'Brien, Mr. R. B. Peralta, Mr. F. Powell, Mr. R. Ryu, Mr. Sam Sing, Mr. A. F. Sanderson, Mr. W. D. Sullivan, Mr. Z. Taga, Mr. I. Torikai, Mr. Tjioe Tik Liam, Mr. & Mrs. A. F. Vaz, Mrs. E. Villanueva, Mr. Wee Ah-kong, Mr. Wong Hong-sy, Mr. Wong Chik, Miss R. Woodraw, Mr. F. C. Whitfield, Mr. R. Yamada, Mr. S. Yamashita, Mr. Yokoyama, Mr. J. Spekdjian.

PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

The solution of the merchant marine problem can be attained through the medium of private ownership with the assistance of an ocean rate making body similar to the inter-State Commerce Commission, declared Mr. Edward N. Hurley, war-time head of the Shipping Board, in a communication addressed to President Coolidge.

The heavy losses incurred in the operation of the Government-owned fleet during the past eight years, Mr. Hurley says, while due in part to post-war condition, is a demonstration of the inability of the Government to operate ships successfully. He declares himself in complete accord with the President's recommendations for the sale of the Government fleets to private operators, and reiterates his belief in the need for reasonable concessions by Congress to off-set the higher cost of building ships in U.S. yards as compared with cost of building abroad. In a previous communication to the Shipping Board Mr. Hurley suggested the establishment of a £100,000,000 construction loan fund.

Referring to disturbed conditions in the protected coastwise trade, Mr. Hurley says he understands that the freight revenue received at present by the intercoastal steamship lines is not sufficient to provide a fair net average annual return on the capital invested. This condition, he points out, is due partly to unscientific classification of commodities and cutting of rates by non-conference operators. There are now engaged in the intercoastal trade, he points out, about 150 ships, which is about twenty-five more than actually needed to move the cargo offered.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in harbour this morning:—North Wall, Cornflower and Sirdar; East Wall, Moth, Seamew and L27, North Arm, Iroquios, Belgol and Bruce; West Wall Dock, Somme and Stormcloud; In Dock, Serapis, Petersfield and Marazion; Buoy 1, Argus; Buoy 4, Carlisle; Buoy 5, Cumberland; Buoy 6, Hermes; Buoy 7, Titania and Subs.; Buoy 8, Ambrose and Subs.; Buoy 13, Thracian; Buoy 18, Ruthenia; Buoy 20, Sepoy; Buoy 23, Sterling; Buoy 25, Kharki; Buoy 26, Tern; Buoy 27, Peterel; Kowloon Anchorage, Fortol and Francol; Boat Camber, Gannet; Foreign Men-o'-war, U.S.S. Ashville and Portuguese, Pero de Alenquer.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on March 17 and is due here on April 5.

PIRACY LAW.

POLICE SEARCH POWERS ENLARGED.

NEW REGULATIONS.

New regulations for the suppression of piracy appear in the "Government Gazette" of Saturday. Under the regulations, the Police are empowered to detain and search vessels and the owners, agents, charterers and licensees have to notify the Captain Superintendent of Police confidentially beforehand on any occasion when it is expected that treasure will be carried on a ship from or through the waters of the Colony.

The regulations also make obligatory on the masters of other ships to stand by and render assistance in cases where they have reason to believe that a ship, within the waters of the Colony, has been pirated.

In the case of ships going from the Colony to the Canton River, West River and estuaries in Kwang tung and Kwangsi, Formosa or the east coast of Asia south of Shanghai and north of Singapore, the Police search is obligatory and certificates have to be obtained to show that such search has been completed. Once this certificate is granted, no others are to be allowed to embark and nothing else taken on, except with the permission of the Captain Superintendent of Police.

The Police are empowered to search all stores and equipment, officers and passengers, cargo and baggage.

CAPT. LALOR.

LEAVES HANKOW FOR HOME.

Hankow, Saturday.

Capt. Lalor has left for Shanghai on his way to England.—Reuter.

[Captain Lalor is the mercantile marine officer who was captured by brigands and who gained his freedom through the good offices and perseverance of the Rev. A. H. Tocher, a missionary, who was afterwards honoured by the King.]

The motor vessel "Malayan Prince" from New York sailed from Shanghai yesterday afternoon, and is expected to arrive here on 21st inst. at daylight.

The "Rossini," launched from Cantiere Navale, Triestino, Monfalcone, in January, is the second of six similar ships being built for the Adria Co. for Mediterranean service, the first being the "Puccini." She is 280 ft. long, with a beam of 40 ft., the deadweight carrying capacity being 2,800 tons.

After eight years' continuous service on the China Station the sloop "Hollyhock," Commander R. B. T. Miles, is ordered to return home, on relief by the "Cornflower." The programme for the journey to England is as follows:—Leave Hong Kong, March 7; Singapore, March 13-15; Colombo, March 20-22; Bombay, March 26-31; Aden, April 7-9; Port Said, April 16-19; Malta, April 23-28; Gibraltar, May 2-4; Portsmouth, May 9.

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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
HAWAII MARU ..... Saturday, 24th March.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
INDUS MARU (Calls at Penang) ..Wednesday, 21st March.
SHUNKO MARU (Calls at Karachi) Thursday, 5th April.
BORNEO MARU (Calls at Penang) Thursday, 19th April.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
CANADA MARU ..... Saturday, 31st March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
TACOMA MARU ..... Sunday, 25th March.
SEATTLE MARU ..... Wednesday, 25th April.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.
PARIS MARU (From Shanghai) ...Tuesday, 20th March.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
MENADO MARU ..... Thursday, 12th April, 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
JAPAN PORTS
SUMATRA MARU ..... Monday, 19th March.
SOURABAYA MARU ..... Wednesday, 28th March.
KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.
HOZAN MARU ..... Sunday, 25th March, 11 a.m.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY
DELI MARU ..... Thursday, 22nd March 10 a.m.
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SOURABAYA MARU ..... Wednesday, 28th March.

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MONGOLIA	16,50	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
†NAGPORE	5,2..	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London.
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
†JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
DELTA	8,097	9th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
†NOVARA	6,989	16th June	Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KHYBER	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
†NANKIN	7,058	14th July	Marseilles & London
RAWALPINDI	16,619	21st July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
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CARRIAGE BY SEA.

THE LIABILITY OF THE SHIPOWNER.

ACT OF 1924 EXPLAINED.

Mr. A. J. Hodgson, M.A., LL.B. (Barrister-at-Law), of Liverpool, addressed a large gathering of the members of the Insurance Institute of Liverpool in the Church House, Liverpool, on "The Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 1924, in Relation to Cargo Insurance." Mr. Oscar Prentice, president of the institute, presided.

Mr. Hodgson said it had been truly said that the merchant who sought to learn something of cargo insurance must free his mind from preconceived ideas, based upon his experience in other branches of insurance. In fire insurance he had to guard against a single peril, but in cargo insurance he was confronted with an unlimited number of perils, uncertain conditions, and an almost complete inability to control the fortunes of his venture. The salient fact was that the subject matter insured was not under the control of the assured, but of the carrier or shipowner.

Greatest Importance.

It was, therefore, obviously of the greatest importance to both merchant and underwriter to know precisely what liability for the safety of the cargo or subject-matter insured attached to the shipowner or carrier while he had the care and custody of the goods. It was important to the merchant because he was the owner. Shippers and consignees contended that the natural and proper principle in this matter was that the shipowner and his servants were the only persons in a position to ensure due care in the loading, custody and unloading of the goods carried, and that in consequence the responsibility for such due care by liability for any loss or damage occurring should fall upon the shipowners, who should not be allowed to contract himself out of his liability.

Law of Subrogation.

The principle contended for had been applied in the Act, and as to the contracting out permitted, the Act and the rules were directed to prevent the shipowner from contracting out of his liability in respect of carriers' risks only. There was no limitation of his right to relieve himself of his liability in respect of navigation risks. It was important for the underwriters, because of the principle of insurance law known as subrogation. This principle of subrogation was clearly set out in the 79th section of the Marine Insurance Act, 1906. What rights the merchant may have against the shipowner clearly depended upon the liability of the shipowner to the merchant, and for many years it had been felt to be commercially desirable that such liability should be not only in its extent just and equitable, but also, so far as practicable, uniform throughout the commercial world.

Shipowner's Position.

The liability of the shipowner related to risks of two kinds. There were "navigation risks" and there were "carriers' risks." Merchants and underwriters alike were content to accept the position that the shipowner should be free to relieve himself of his liability in respect of navigation risks, provided he took due care to protect the cargo entrusted to him against such perils, but they protested strongly against the growing and prevailing practice whereby the shipowner contracted out of his liability in respect of carriers' risks. The carrier was bound to exercise due diligence to make the ship seaworthy. The carrier may not contract out of his liability for carrier's risks, as opposed to navigation risks.

Management of Cargo.

This was the great victory won for both merchants and underwriters. It seemed clear that management of the ship in a contract between shipowner and cargo owner about the carriage of goods in the ship does not cover management of the cargo-carrying venture. It had been held that stevedoring by men, the servants or agents of the shipowner, was not management. British bills of lading now conformed substantially to the requirements pressed by underwriters before the International Conference and the Joint Committee. Much had been done to ensure uniformity of commercial practice. The law of Great Britain now approximated to that of the U.S.A. and their self-governing Dominions. It was not too much to hope that within a few years the remaining maritime nations would fall into line, and then they would see the sea-carrying trade of the world conducted under uniform conditions, framed to secure justice to all persons concerned in the transaction of international commerce.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Hodgson on the proposition of the chairman.

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T'tau via Swatow & S'hai	WAISHING	Sun., 1st Apr. at 7 a.m.
Y'hama via Moji & Kobe	KUMSANG	Wed., 4th Apr. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Wed., 21st Mar. at 7 a.m.
Canton	KWAISANG ..	Tues., 20th Mar. at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	HOSANG	Fri., 23rd Mar. at 3 p.m.
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Hong Kong, 14th March, 1928.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" from Hong Kong arrived Marseilles on March 17 at 6.30 p.m.

The B.I. s.s. "Santhia" left Singapore for this port on March 13 p.m., and is due here to-day.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benavon" from Leith, Middlesbro', Antwerp, London and Straits is due to arrive here to-day.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Bolton Castle" sailed from New York on February 4, and is due here on March 25.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. A. J. Hailey, R.N.R.) from Manila, is due here on March 26 at 10.00 a.m., and will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama on March 28 at 6 a.m.

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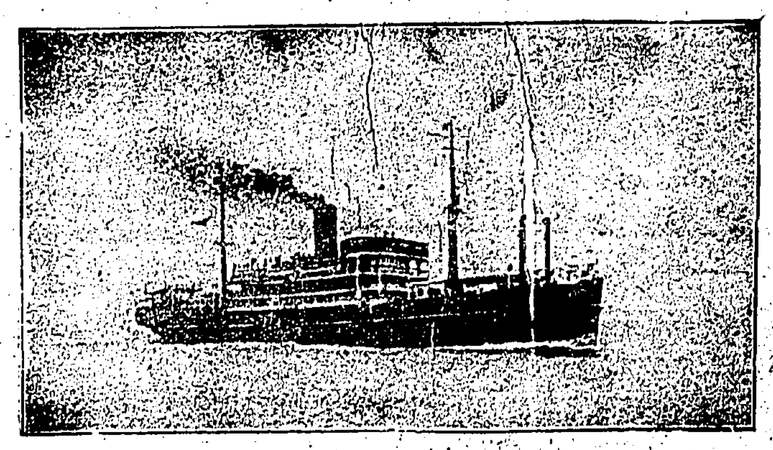

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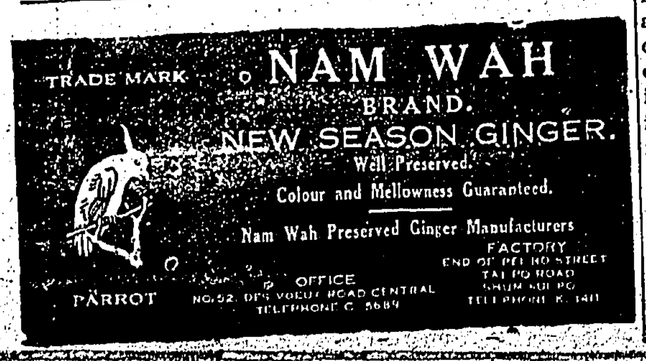

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MARRIAGE.

CHRISTIE-MITCHELL—On March 17 at St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, by the Rev. H. V. Koop, Thomas Landale Christie, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Christie of Cupar, Fife, to Joan Isabel Margaret Mitchell, daughter of the late E. W. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell of Hong Kong.

AN AIR LINK.

Those who have adopted the "all is lost" attitude of mind consequent upon Marshal Li Chai-sum's determination to visit Nanking will be pleasantly surprised to learn that negotiations between the Colonial and Canton authorities are proceeding apace in regard to the improvement in the wireless service and also in regard to the inauguration of a flying service. Marshal Li's departure for the North must have had behind it an extraordinary strong motive, and at this point we must, for the present, leave the matter, remarking that it is understood that his wife and family are still in Canton, so it may be taken for granted that his assurance that his absence will be of short duration is the correct one. During the past week, coming back to the subjects of radio improvements and aerial communications, experts from Hong Kong have visited Canton and both matters have been fully discussed.

From what can be gathered the stay of a British flying expert in the southern capital was a most instructive one and he found the Chinese in complete accord with many of his ideas relative to the opening of a seaplane service between Canton and Hong Kong. The service would be, it is understood, completely a commercial venture, with half the capital found in each centre. Both the local and Canton Governments would assist the concern in a number of directions, such as allowing the Government aerodromes to be utilised by the machines of the company, furnishing free of charge official radio reports on the weather, etc. In the course of the discussions it is understood that a decision was reached in regard to the type of machines to be utilised, both parties favouring seaplanes. It was pointed out that the service could thus be extended to places along the coast, such as Swatow.

The question of an aerial service having been explored from the Canton end, we are now to have an investigation at this end; and in this connection General Cheung Wai-chiang, chief of the Canton Air Department, is shortly visiting the Colony. It will thus be seen that our Chinese friends propose to pursue the idea so happily suggested by His Excellency the Governor to a conclusion. Opinion in Canton, we also understand, is to the effect that there will be no difficulty in raising that half of the capital required to start the company. Here, too, we should find a ready market for the other half. The coming visit of the chief of the Canton Air Service is, therefore, looked forward to with more than a little interest, and no doubt upon its termination a general statement on the project, or a prospectus itself, will be issued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PEAK TRAM.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—On Saturday morning a party of us arrived at the Peak Tramway upper station to catch the 7.10 tram down, but then discovered there was no tram running because of alterations being made half way down the track. In consequence we had to walk, and walk quickly too, as it was our intention to catch the morning boat to Canton. But for the fact that we had allowed ourselves just sufficient time for an eventuality like this, we might have missed the boat.

I think, Sir, that the Government should not allow the Tramway Company to stop the running of the cars without previous notification. Of course, in the event of an accident, no previous warning of a hold-up in the service can be expected, but from what I can gather Saturday morning's cessation of traffic was a premeditated affair. It is no joke for middle-aged people, unused to a lot of exercise, suddenly to be called upon to hurry into town in this manner.

Yours, etc.,
"SEASON TICKET."

Hong Kong, March 19, '28.

LOCAL WEDDINGS.

MR. T. L. CHRISTIE & MISS J. I. M. MITCHELL.

CATHEDRAL CEREMONY.

The marriage took place on Saturday at St. John's Cathedral of Miss Joan Isabel Margaret Mitchell, daughter of the late Mr. E. W. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell, of Hong Kong, and Mr. Thomas Landale Christie of the Chartered Bank, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Christie of Cupar, Fife.

The bride, who was given away by her brother Captain O. H. Mitchell I.A., wore a white satin dress of mediaeval style and carried a bouquet of white roses. She was attended by the Misses Rosalie Kinloch, Catherine Whyte Smith and Patricia Mitchell and Masters Geoffrey Brearley, Michael Le Gros and Andrew Kinloch. The bridesmaids wore long pale green satin dresses and carried bouquets of blue larkspur and the pages wore suits of green satin of a deeper shade.

Mrs. E. W. Mitchell, the bride's mother was dressed in a two piece beige georgette dress with hat to match.

The best man was Mr. Alistair Mackenzie.

The Rev. H. V. Koop officiated at the ceremony and Mr. F. Mason played appropriate wedding music.

The reception was held at the Hong Kong Hotel and was attended by many friends of the bride and bridegroom and later Mr. and Mrs. Christie left for Fanling, where the first part of the honeymoon is being spent.

MR. J. N. WONG AND MISS W. CHAN.

There was a large attendance at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. James N. Wong, son of the late Mr. J. T. Wong and Mrs. Wong, to Miss Winnie Chan, daughter of the late Mr. Chan Kai-ming.

The Rev. H. V. Koop officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Kenneth Chan, was attired in a Chinese stole, with cloud of silver and diamante, and silver court train. Her bouquet was of white carnations.

Miss Mary Ho, the maid of honour, wore a Chinese dress of gold and white over soft flesh pink and her bouquet was also of white carnations.

Mr. J. F. Shea was best man.

Many friends of the bride and bridegroom were afterwards entertained at "Rocky Mount," the bride's home, after which Mr. and Mrs. Wong left for their honeymoon at Macao.

TEACHER'S DEATH.

FORMERLY OF ELLIS KADOORE.

MR. CHEUNG WAI-LAI.

The funeral took place on Saturday of Mr. Cheung Wai-lai, a well-known local school teacher who had been in Government service for ten years, serving on the staff of Saiyingpun and Ellis Kadoorie Schools.

Mr. Cheung Wai-lai passed away at the Government Civil Hospital on Friday night at the age of 32. He was educated at Saiyingpun School and Queen's College. He is survived by his parents, three brothers, a young wife and three children, with whom much sympathy will be felt.

Among those present at the funeral were Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, Mr. de Rome, Mr. A. Morris, members of the Chinese staffs of Ellis Kadoorie School, Queen's College, King's College and the Tsung Tsing (Basil Mission), also a large number of students and other friends.

Among those who sent wreaths were, the Director of Education, Mr. A. H. Crook; the Eurcpean and Chinese staff and students of the Ellis Kadoorie School, Queen's College and King's College; Mr. Li Ping, the Chinese Y. M. C. A., the Chinese Y. M. C. A. Evening School, Tsung Tsing Association, the Tsung Tsing Mission, his parents, father-in-law, brothers, the widow and the orphans.

NEW MACAO ROAD.

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INAUGURAL CEREMONY.

Among the distinguished visitors to Macao yesterday on the occasion of the ceremony inaugurating the new road from Macao to Shekki were H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong, Sir Cecil Clementi and Lady Clementi who were the guests of His Excellency the Governor of Macao and Madame Barbosa.

On the occasion of the formal opening, His Excellency the Governor of Macao spoke of the intimate link which was being forged between Macao and Chung Shan and said he was confident that all would greatly benefit by this enterprise, not only from the point of view of things material but also in regard to relationships and the obliteration of past misunderstandings.

Mr. Cheng Tsz-sheung, Managing Director of the Kee Kwan Motor Road Company, and others, including H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, Governor of Hong Kong, also addressed the gathering on the subject of the opening up of new districts by means of the road and the good results thereby to be obtained.

Among those present on the occasion of the ceremony were:—Mr. Pang Hwui, Director of Public Works at Canton, Mr. Cheok Hong-sin, Director of the Board of Reconstruction of Canton, Mr. Yung of the Samshui Railway, and Mrs. Yung, Mr. Leong Hung-kong, Mayor of Shekki City, and Governor of Chung Shan. Mr. Wu Tit-sin was unavoidably absent but was represented. Mr. Tang Shao-yee was also represented by a deputy. The attendance also included Government officials and residents of Macao.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

CATHOLIC CLUB HOLD CONCERT.

A COLLEGE CHOIR.

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, a very enjoyable concert was given in St. Patrick's Catholic Club, Garden-road, on Saturday night.

The Hall was packed with an appreciative audience who gave the performers their full measure of applause.

The lengthy programme consisted of no fewer than 18 items, of which four were contributed by the Orchestra of the Sociedade Pilarmonica, under the baton of Mr. S. Pinna.

Their rendering of F. Suppe's overture "La Burlesque," Donizetti's sexette of "Lucy of Lammermoor," "Gounod's selection "Faust" and Mascagni's intermezzo of "Cavalleria Rusticana" were all well received.

St. Joseph's College Choir's three part choruses and solo and chorus also pleased immensely. The young singers' offerings were J. Brahms' "Cradle Song," H. Smart's "Fairyland" and Berlendis's "The Bells."

Local Talent.

Another popular performer was Mr. J. Braga who contributed two excellently rendered violin solos—d'Ambroso's "Canzonetta" and Mendelssohn-Achron's "On Wings of Song" with piano accompaniment by Rev. Fr. Riganti. In the matter of individual vocal artistes, the programme contained a very fine collection of talent, from whom it is difficult to single out anyone for special mention. They all sang very appealingly and richly deserved the applause they received.

Miss De Coudar sang Tosti's Romanza "Pregliera," Mr. Li Chorchi offered E. Coates's "I heard you singing," L. Ray's "Land of Long Ago," Eberhart-Cadman's "I hear a thrush at eve" and E. Coates's "I pitch my lonely caravan at night."

Mr. Gardner contributed Giordano's "Improviso" from "Andrea Chenier" and Leoncavallo's "Serenata" and "Arioso" from "Pagliacci." Mr. E. d'Aquino gave the old favourite, P. Tosti's "Se tu non torni," whilst his son, Mr. G. d'Aquino, sang Leoncavallo's "Prologue" of "Pagliacci," Mozart's "Serenade" from "Don Giovanni" and Caudana's "The Sparrows."

Comedy Dialogues.

The humorous side of the programme was in the capable hands of Guardsman R. Eccles and Private Sculthrope who as Horace and Maurice provoked much laughter with their comedy dialogues in both halves.

Piper W. Taylor captivated everyone with his Highland Dances which made it difficult for many to keep their seats.

The accompanists for the songs were Prof. E. Gualdi and Rev. Fr. Riganti.

WILBUR PLAYERS.

POPULAR COMPANY COMING BACK.

SPECIAL COMEDY SEASON.

Returning to the Colony after a very successful tour of Malaya, Burma and India, the popular American Company, the Wilbur Players, will begin a farewell season in the Star Theatre on Tuesday, April 3. Their previous visit to the Colony about a year ago is still remembered with keen pleasure. They should meet with equal, if not greater, success during their coming season, as they are returning with a repertoire of new plays that are entirely different from their former pieces. The new plays comprise the big Broadway success "The Sap"; the great New York detective story, "Handcuffed"; the London comedy sensation, "Three Live Ghosts"; and the delightfully amusing farce "Her Wedding Night." The company will also present "Charley's Aunt," which they staged before but which can be seen again and again. Admission will be at the popular prices of $3, $2 and $1. Booking will be at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre.

FALSE ALARM.

JAIL STAFF ROUSED AT 3 A.M.

INDIAN'S MISTAKE.

There was great excitement in Victoria Jail and the Police Headquarters in the early hours of yesterday morning, when an alarm which turned out to be false was raised in the Jail.

The alarm sounded suddenly at 2.55 a.m., and within five minutes the vicinity was alive with European, Indian and Chinese policemen, guards and detectives, and warders sleeping in the quarters on the other side of Arbuthnot-road.

Another jail breaking escapade was, of course, thought to be the cause of the alarm and every approach to the Jail was strongly guarded by armed law officers who presented a rather unusual spectacle in their various stages of undress, but all carrying firearms.

Captain H. F. Bloxham, assistant superintendent of Prisons, was quickly on the scene and directed operations. After throwing a cordon around the Jail, investigations of the alarm were instituted. Within a few minutes, however, it was announced that the alarm was false, the person responsible for it being an Indian food carrier, who was bringing in food for the prisoners' breakfast at 6 o'clock.

At the main gate of the Jail are two electric press buttons, one attached to a "local" bell and the other to the general alarm. The half sleepy Indian pressed the wrong button, and the whole vicinity was aroused.

This is stated to be the first false alarm at Victoria Jail in eight years, and with a lot of grumbling and not too flattering remarks about the unfortunate food carrier, the law officers returned indoors to resume their interrupted sleep.

PETER PAN COMPLEX

PEOPLE WHO REFUSE TO GROW UP.

Peter Pan, the hero of a million nurseries, has been unmasked. The boy who captured our young enthusiasm by refusing to grow up has been dragged from his pedestal. His name has been prefixed to a "complex" by Dr. Maurice Newfield, writing in the "Child," the periodical for parents.

"I have come to the conclusion," says Dr. Newfield, "that Peter Pan is not the perfect character he has been made out to be.

"It seems to me that if a boy does not want to grow up, something should be done about it. A normal boy, that is to say, one who is healthy, mentally and physically, wants to grow, and looks upon adulthood as a desirable state for which it is his aim in life to fit himself.

"That is as it should be. There are far too many grown-up children in the world, people who have grown up in years and body but not in their mental attitude."

Not so long ago the road from Kuala Lumpur to Port Swettenham was one of the best in a country where, it is generally admitted, the standard of road making and unkeep is laudably high. It is therefore a pity (says a Malaya paper) to have to note that the Kuala Lumpur—Petaling section is falling into a rather bad state of disrepair. No doubt this section carries an enormous amount of traffic and the surface does not last very long, but that after all is only an additional reason why the P. W. D. should hasten to get it into a satisfactory condition once more.

"BOA IMPRENSA."

CATHOLIC AT HOME AT MISSION HOUSE.

CONCERT PROGRAMME.

Yesterday was the "Dia da Boa Imprensa" (Catholic Press Day), and an "At Home" was held in the afternoon in the Catholic Mission House, Caine-road.

A large gathering attended, and after an address by the Rev. Fr. J. Ramalho, S.J., a very enjoyable concert programme was put through.

Mr. E. G. d'Aquino was very popular with the audience when he sang that old favourite Tosti's "Se tu non tourni." Miss Aurea Baptista gave a well-rendered piano solo, choosing as her piece Glinka Balakirew's "Skylark."

The St. Joseph's College Choir under Rev. Fr. Riganti, which appeared in both halves of the programme were well received for their excellently rendered "Cradle Song" by J. Brahm and Berlendis's solo and chorus "Le Campane."

Refreshments were served during the interval, after which Master Abraham, a quite young musician, treated the audience to a very fine violin solo in which he showed great capability. Mr. G. F. d'Aquino was well applauded for his song, Leoncavallo's "Prologo di Pagliacci."

Miss Hercia Silva and Mr. F. X. Lobato de Faria provoked much merriment with a Portuguese dialogue entitled "Christao de Arroz."

The function concluded with the singing of the Portuguese hymn "Nos Queremos Deus," by the entire gathering.

CALCUTTA CUP.

ENGLAND BEAT SCOTLAND AT TWICKENHAM.

London, Saturday.

H. M. the King was present at the international rugger match at Twickenham to-day when England beat Scotland by six points to nil, thus winning the International Championship and the Calcutta Cup. Sixty thousand spectators saw the game which was played in glorious weather.

The game was a great one, being played at a tremendous pace, with very keen tackling up to the final whistle. Scotland won the toss and attacked immediately but England broke away twelve minutes from the start a passing movement culminating in Laird scoring a brilliant try. Richardson failed to convert.

Bad Handling.

England had many of their chances spoilt by faulty handling and passing. The forwards on both sides were magnificent. Scotland were unable to drive promising movements home and at the interval England led by three points to nil.

After the interval the Scottish pack made some great rushes but England's young deputy full back, Tom Brown of Bristol, was very steady and gave a display of splendid kicking.

Scotland, nevertheless, wasted several chances. The English pack further increased their lead five minutes from time when Young, with a characteristic effort from a scrum, passed ten yards from the line to Hanley who scored a brilliant try. Prentice's kick at goal failed.—Reuter.

Remarkable Season.

London, Yesterday.

England, by her victory, has concluded a remarkably successful season. Her team beat the formidable New South Wales team known as the Waratahs and won all international engagements. She secures the international rugby championship and also the famous Calcutta Cup which had been in Scotland's keeping for some years.—British Wireless Service.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. FIXTURES DOWN FOR TO-DAY.

This afternoon's fixtures at the Hong Kong Cricket Club annual lawn tennis tournament are as follow:—

Open Singles: A. D. Humphreys v. Rev. F. P. W. Alexander.

Open Doubles: G. C. Grove and A. H. Crook v. H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn (holders); S. E. Green and D. S. Green v. S. Fujishimi and T. Fujimori; Ho Wai-hing and Chan So v. G. F. H. Bichard and Lt. Waters.

Club Championship Singles: G. Miskin v. G. W. Sewell; H. R. Remington v. R. M. Henderson.

Handicap Doubles: Lt.-Col. F. J. Wyatt and Lt. A. J. G. Tate (scr.) v. A. Reid and J. M. Norrie (rec. 3/6); G. Rankin and Dr. C. H. Burton (rec. 15/1) v. M. D. Scott and R. P. Moodie (rec. 5/6); H. R. Phelips and C. C. Stark (rec. 1/6) v. Capt. E. H. J. Larkcom and Capt. B. R. Forster (scr.).

Mixed Doubles: Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer (rec. 3/6) v. Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Valentine (rec. 2/6).

"7TH HEAVEN."

SPECIAL BIG FILM ITEMS.

MISS WOODS' SINGING.

An enjoyable interlude during the screening of the big film, "7th Heaven" at the Queen's Theatre last night was the singing of "Dinne" by Miss Aileen Woods. Miss Woods, who sang three times yesterday, provided the audience with a pleasing surprise and her superb rendering, which gave the right atmosphere for this excellent film, was loudly applauded. Miss Woods will sing this song, which was specially written for the story, at the 6.00 and 9.15 performances during the remainder of the season.

Another feature of the current programme at the Queen's which is being much appreciated is the special music of the orchestra under Mr. Grovini, who is making his first appearance since his illness.

Cinema-goers are reminded that owing to the exceptional length of the picture, only three performances can be given daily, and these start promptly at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.15. Advance booking for the dress circle is open in the lobby of the Queen's for the entire season.

THE ONLY SOLUTION.

"If nothing is done in the immediate future to bring about replacements in our merchant marine it will disappear from the seas in a very short time and we will be where we were fifteen years ago, as far as foreign shipping is concerned," Mr. James MacLafferty, representative in Washington of the Pacific American Steamship Association and the Shipowners' Association of the Pacific Coast, declared in an address delivered at the Propeller Club.

"There is only one thing that can save us, and that will immediately stimulate the building of U. S. ships for foreign trade," he said, "and that is subsidy, which is financial aid administered by the Government. Government ownership cannot solve the problem. Government operation cannot successfully compete with the efforts of ship-minded nations."

Subsidy is a bogey to many otherwise well-informed persons, Mr. MacLafferty declared, and he pointed out that payment of subsidies of various kinds has been part of the Government policy for many years.

Past Subsidies.

The £90,000,000 spent in building the Panama Canal was cited as an instance, as were the huge sums spent on reclamation of waste lands, the hundreds of millions set aside for pensions, the outlays for flood control in the Mississippi Valley, the plans for guaranteeing the U. S. farmer against loss on account of surplus crops, and finally the aid given to U. S. manufacturers and workers through the medium of the protective tariff.

Failure to apply similar practices in the case of shipping, he added, has cost the taxpayers of the country billions of dollars without developing an efficient merchant marine. Referring to the Government operation of railroads and of the merchant marine as a monument of inefficiency and a great fallacy, the speaker said:—"The hundreds of millions lost in Government operation and the hundred million dollars per annum we are paying for interest on Liberty Bonds sold in order that these ships might be built is nothing in the world but subsidy." The ships now owned by the Government, he declared, are no more attractive to purchasers than a 1918 used car would be as compared with a 1928 model automobile.

During the British Coal Strike.

Referring to the action of the Shipping Board in diverting ships to the Gulf during the British coal strike to relieve the farms of the South and Middle West by moving grain and cotton overseas, he said the Government spent about two million dollars reconditioning these vessels. He reminded his listeners that the freight rates had to be paid by the foreign purchasers of the commodities mentioned, and pointed out that if there had been an adequate privately-owned merchant marine the situation would have been handled differently.

"A competent private owner," he said, "would have charged rates that would have earned a profit in the carrying of these commodities. He would have made back his two million, and millions more besides. And if a private owner had had at his disposal excess tonnage, as our Government had, he would not only have carried the cotton and the grain from the Gulf, but he would have put his ships into the coal trade and made from that trade millions of dollars of profit in addition.

"The Government-owned fleet was in a position to charge proper rates that would have overcome this loss of £400,000, and would have added sufficient to their operating returns to have recovered the loss of the £400,000 and to have made millions in addition. This would have been paid by foreign buyers of the merchants in question and the loss would not have been sustained, as it was, by the taxpayers of the United States. Because this was not done it was, in effect, a subsidy of £400,000, and this subsidy went to the foreigner who received the goods."

PLESIOSAURUS.

HAD IT GOT A THIRD EYE.

SIR W. B. DAWKINS' DOUBTS.

The discovery of the fossil remains of the plesiosaurus reported to have enjoyed, during its remote lifetime, the use of three eyes, the third eye being on the top of the skull, was commented on by Sir William Boyd Dawkins in an interview with a "Manchester Guardian" representative.

Sir William said that the so-called "eye" was represented in discovered fossils of these bygone creatures by a slight hole on the top of the head. He did not think that there was evidence that in any of these extinct reptiles the "eye" was used. That opening had been found in a good many other fossil reptiles, but he could not say that he had ever seen one in the shape of an orbit, and he was unaware that a reptile with a properly functioning eye in a central part of the skull had ever been found. The only recent reptile that had this particular hole clearly defined was an animal called the hatteria, a curious reptile found nowhere but in New Zealand.

The existence of this hole in the skull, considered in conjunction with the pineal gland lying beneath it, gave a sort of support to the idea of a third eye, but from his point of view, as a special student, he would say that the evidence was most unsatisfactory that it was so. There had to be taken into consideration the small size of the aperture as contrasted with the orbits of the eyes proper. Sir William spoke of the pineal eye theory being the result of modern investigation, but added that he did not know that anyone had gone further than to suggest more than the existence of a rudimentary eye.

"Some" Age.

Speaking of the estimated age of the disinterred plesiosaurus, which has been given as between 100,000,000 and 20,000,000 years, Sir William said that these estimates of time were idle guesses. "We don't know," he said; "it is so vastly far behind us. There is no possibility of making a date in terms of years beyond the range of the earliest literary documents which belong to Egypt, the Chaldeans, and the Assyrians. Beyond that is the infinity of past time."

At the time in which this plesiosaurus lived, explained Sir William Boyd Dawkins, the great mass of land was on the west of what are now the British Isles, and Wales, the Lake Country, and the Highlands of Scotland formed a marginal part of the great continent that had now disappeared beneath the waters of the Atlantic. Marginal portions of this great mass of land occurred as far to the west as Sherwood Forest, and the reptile would have lived in the marginal shallow waters of this land.

Dealing with the theory that the reason the head is usually missing from fossil specimens of the plesiosaurus is owing to the action of predatory dinosaurs, Sir William said there was no necessity for the theory. If a body were floating in a river the first thing to rot away and drop from the neck would be the head. There was no need to introduce a dinosaur to eat it. In collecting bones from rivers he had found as many as 1,000 bones for one skull because of that very simple fact.

AT THE CHEER 'O.

At the Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., Queen's Buildings, Hong Kong, the following events will take place:—On Tuesday, March 20, a special concert commencing at 7.45 p.m., in which Mrs. Marcelle (soprano), Mrs. J. Hurst (contralto) and Messrs. Patterson, R. Sutherland (humorist) and Hannibal (entertainer) and others will contribute; on Wednesday, March 21, a whist drive commencing at 7.00 p.m.; on Thursday, March 22, a dance commencing at 7.30 p.m.; on Saturday, March 23, a dance commencing at 7.30 p.m.; on Sunday, March 24, a musical entertainment commencing at 7.30 p.m. All service men are heartily invited.

FOOCHOW'S TRADE.

TEMPORARY POSITION OF "STALEMATE"

AMERICAN CONSUL'S REVIEW.

In an article on Foochow, appearing in the "Columbia Port Digest," U. S. Consul Ernest B. Price writes on present trade conditions there.

Foochow, the city, he writes, is located about half way between the cities of Shanghai and Hong Kong; about the same distance up a navigable river as the city of Portland, and comprises a population estimated at between seven and eight hundred thousand, Foochow, the port, a broader term well understood in America, comprises a population of upwards of a million and a half, and is the distribution centre for Foochow, the consular district, which comprises, roughly, three-fourths of the province of Fukien, with an area about equivalent to that of the state of Maine, and a population of approximately ten millions, which is about that of the state of New York.

Largely Agricultural.

Taking China as a whole, Foochow,—the consular district, port and city—may be considered as fairly representative and normal, in that from the economic point of view it is largely agricultural, producing mainly foodstuffs for its own consumption, and for export to other parts of China. It is normally peaceful, largely self-sufficient, and with a people both intelligent and commercially shrewd. Insofar as the port and city of Foochow is the distribution centre for a large agricultural and timber area, it has points of considerable similarity to Portland. Like Portland, its industrial development is only just beginning.

During the past year, Foochow the district, port and city, has been the centre of considerable political and economic disturbance. Great armies have been raised, have come and gone across its territory, disturbing transportation, and bringing about serious economic confusion. Insofar as the movement of the past year was a tangible exhibition of a growing and genuine popular self-consciousness, a groping after, and a reaching upward toward something better for the body politic and economic, it should be regarded as only inevitable, but also commendable. Conditions are by no means normal, yet. The region of Foochow has not yet recovered its economic stability, nor have the people themselves recovered the purchasing power in the measure which they previously enjoyed. From the point of view of trade, especially foreign trade, it should be stated frankly that the region is in a stalemate. Commerce has actually retrogressed.

Effect Of Foreign Influence.

That the economic and trade situation of the district is no worse than it is may be credited largely both to the fact of the fundamental stability of the Chinese people, and to the actual knowledge and appreciation of our civilization and attitude toward, and our purposes in dealing with, the Chinese, demonstrated by those of our people who have gone to China, either as missionaries, or as business men. With contacts comes knowledge; with knowledge, understanding; and with understanding, tolerance and sympathy.

In accepting the fact of the present, and, we hope, only temporary, economic stalemate in Foochow, which as previously stated, may be considered as largely representative of other parts of China, we are able still to recognize and evaluate certain facts—the fact of a large undeveloped country; the fact of a large population; the fact of increasing desires and broadening tastes on the part of the people; and finally the fact of the recognized good fellowship and good feeling existing between the Chinese people and those Americans with whom they have actually dealt. Just as the more recent progress of the American people has been caused and maintained by the fact that individual desires tend to outstrip the individual pocket-book, so we can maintain, after all is said and done, that the Chinese have, in the district of Foochow, acquired tastes for foreign goods, knowledge of foreign business methods, and the understanding and sympathy for our people, which in the indefinite future will mean for us greater trade with that region.

Russia exported 421,000 standards of timber in 1927, against 311,000 standards in the previous year. A new scheme for the exploitation of Russian forests this year has been adopted, but until supplementary capital has been obtained for the wood-working industry exports are not expected to develop materially.

Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day — Queen's Theatre; "Seventh Heaven."

To-day— World Theatre; "The Tumbling River."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Small Bachelor."

March 20-21—World Theatre; "A Society Scandal."

March 20-21—Star Theatre; "The Midnight Girl."

March 20—Special Concert, at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.45 p.m.

March 22—Dance, at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

March 22—Musicale at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

March 22-24—World Theatre; "You Never Know Women."

March 22-24—Star Theatre; "Hold That Lion."

March 23—Dance, at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

March 24—Music, at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

March 25-26—Queen's Theatre; "The Campus Flirt."

March 25-26—World Theatre; at 5.15 & 9.20 "The Little Irish Girl," at 2.30 & 7.15, Chinese drama, "The Monkey Monk."

March 25-26—Star Theatre; "The Understanding Heart."

March 27-28—Queen's Theatre; "On Your Toes."

March 27-28—World Theatre; at 5.15 & 9.20, "Dancing Mothers," at 2.30 & 7.15, Chinese drama, "The Monkey Monk."

March 27-28— Star Theatre; "Drusilla with a Million."

March 29-31—Queen's Theatre; "The Unknown," also at all performances, Miss Chee Toy in popular new numbers.

March 29-31—Star Theatre; "The Runaway."

Sports.

To-day—Interport Billiard Match at Club Lusitano, 6.m.

March 20—Exhibition Billiard Match, Club Lusitano, 9.15 p.m.

March 20— Interport Billiard Match, Club Lusitano, 6 p.m.

March 20—R. H. K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) bogey competition, New Course, Fanling.

March 21—Whist Drive at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7 p.m.

March 21—Billiards match at Palace Hotel, 6 p.m.

March 21— Interport Billiard Match, Club Lusitano, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

March 21—Annual Billiard tournament of the Craigengower Cricket Club.

March 22— Interport Billiard Match, Club Lusitano, 6 p.m.

March 23— Interport Billiard Match, Club Lusitano, 6 p.m.

March 24—Annual University Athletic sports, 4 p.m.

March 31—Fanling Hunt Steeplechase (Easter Meeting).

Lammerts' Auctions.

March 21-22—At 13, Queen's-rd. Central, goods and chattels of Mrs. F. K. Cameron, 10 a.m.

March 23—At 12 Chatham-rd., Kowloon, valuable household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

March 20—Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

March 20—Yearly meeting of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 2, Queen's Bldgs., noon.

March 20—Annual meeting of members of the Victoria Recreation Club at V.R.C., 6 p.m.

March 21—Thirty-ninth annual meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., noon.

March 22—H.K. Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., meeting, St. George's Bldg., 11.30 a.m.

March 22—Meeting of Simplex Plaster Co., Ltd., Powell's Bldg., 3 p.m.

March 23— Victoria Diocesan Assn. Meeting, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

March 26—Fifty-ninth general meeting of Shareholders of the H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's offices, noon.

March 28—Forty-third annual meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

April 14—General meeting of members of The Prince's Bldg. & Land & Co., Ltd. (in liquidation), 6, Des Voeux-road Ctl., noon.

Miscellaneous.

March 18—Inaugural ceremony of the opening of the first section of the Macao-Shekki-road.

March 18—Catholic Press Day: morning service 8.30 a.m., evening service 4 p.m. followed by an "At Home" at the Mission House.

March 21—Dinner by Committee and Members of H.K. Chinese Chamber of Commerce, to Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, at Chinese Merchants Club, China-bldg.

March 30—Annual dinner of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, 8 p.m.

The proposed conference in Peking of representatives of Russian public and political groups in the Far East, on the subject of unification under Gen. Horvath, has been postponed indefinitely, in view of Gen. Horvath's decision that the time has not yet come.

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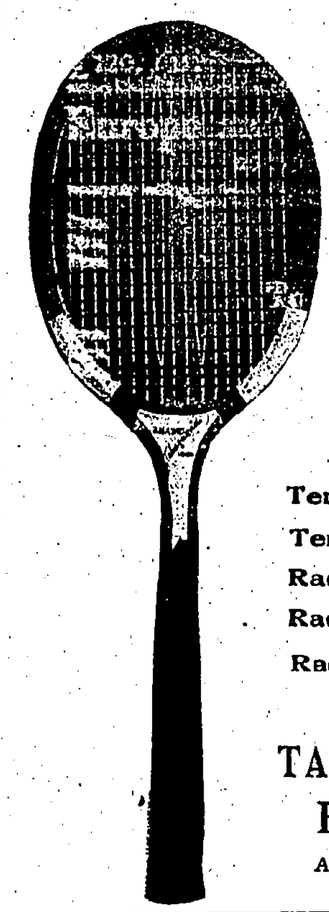

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Phyllis Ayrton addressed a meeting in the Shanghai lodge room of the Theosophical Society, on "Creative Activity."

Elly Widler, who was sentenced to three months' detention at the Amoy-road goal by the Swiss Consular Court, has regained his liberty.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. W. J. Keates, of the "Hong Kong Telegraph," to Miss Dorothy Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ray.

The first performance of the Hungarian translation of Galsworthy's play "The Skin Game" at the Hungarian National Theatre in Budapest was a great success.

Washington, March 18. — The House of Representatives, by 287 votes to 57, have approved of the warship construction programme to the extent of $274,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.

According to a statement issued by the college authorities, the fire which destroyed the main building of the Villanova Roman Catholic College near Philadelphia caused damage estimated at £500,000.

The Roumanian Cabinet has decided to establish communication by civil aircraft between the Dobrudja and the opposite side of the Danube owing to the difficulty of navigating the river in its present flooded state.

The death has occurred of Mr. Thomas Dawe, the well-known London theatrical manager and the husband of the comedienne, Ella Retford. Deceased was an intimate friend of the Mr. James White.

A large number of Moors were assembled in an upper room on the occasion of a baptism feast in a rich merchant's house at Staffi, in Morocco, when the floor gave way, and twenty-five persons were injured.

The new Latvian Government has received a vote of confidence in Parliament by 51 votes to 43. M. G. Albats, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has been entrusted with the temporary direction of the Ministry.

The Paris "Matin" states that representations are to be made to Washington and Berlin regarding the re-equipment by Americans and Germans of the French mining and metallurgical properties at Makesvka, in the Don district of Russia.

New York, March 18. — The steamer "Ruth Alexander" collided with the battleship "Colorado" off San Pedro (California). The steamer was apparently not damaged, but the "Colorado has a severe cut on the starboard side above the waterline.—Reuter.

The Northern Society, the aim of which is to further good understanding between the Scandinavian countries, arranged a "Danish Week," which began in mail week in Stockholm. The Crown Prince of Denmark visited the Swedish capital during the week.

The General Officer Commanding (South China Command), H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., paid an official call on the Captain of the new cruiser H.M.S. "Cumberland" on Saturday morning, the usual salutes being fired on the occasion of his boarding.

Among the submarines shortly proceeding Home, together with H.M.S. "Ambrose," is the L.4, which participated in the Bias Bay affair when pirates who had taken charge of the s.s. "Irene" were foiled and several of them captured. Paying-off pennants are being flown by H.M.S. "Ambrose" and Subs. L.1, L.2, L.4, L.5, L.7 and L.8. The date of their departure is March 28. Reuter.

Bloemfontien, March 18.—The administrator of the Orange Free State has hinted that it is possible that there may be a discovery of vast oilfields in the State and adds "We are on the eve of immense developments. Huge oilfields may be opened in the near future. American experts have reported favourably, and there are prospects of a powerful company taking options of a number of farms."—Reuter.

London, March 19.—A ceremony unique in the records of Anglo-American relations was conducted silently at 4 a.m. in London. It was witnessed only by a few officials. The Governor of the Hudson Bay Company pressed a button which turned on all the lights in the City of Vancouver in the State of Washington. This ceremony marked the 103rd anniversary of the founding of Fort Vancouver which became American Territory under the Boundary Treaty of 1846.—Reuter.

The Sanitary Board meets at 4.15 p.m. to-morrow.

Viscount Chilston has been transferred from Vienna to Budapest.—Reuter.

The death has occurred of Mr. Bernard Weyl, of Messrs. Racine and Co., Shanghai.

No case of notifiable disease was reported to the Medical Officer of Health on Saturday or Sunday.

On the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the foundation of the Hong Kong Lodge, The Theosophical Society, Mr. M. Manuk, the President, delivered an address at the Lodge, yesterday.

Walter C. Teagle, President of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, who is expected to settle the differences between British and American interests in the fight to control the world's oil supply.

An encouraging report from Ichang declares that General Wei, in command of the 30th Nationalist Army, is taking energetic steps against the bandits who have been infesting the neighbourhood.

New York, March 18.—The National Bank of Commerce announces that a credit has been arranged for the National Crude Rubber Reserve, commonly known as the American Rubber Pool, for $30,000,000 with another $30,000,000 available if required.—Reuter's American Service.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, active in the woman suffrage movement, who declared in an interview in New York that "an insufferable superiority complex—a nouveau riche arrogance—characterizes this country, and it is a very dangerous state of mind." With the new found wealth of the United States, this country has turned from debtor to creditor, spending without judgment and indulging in whims and fancies.

Among the Hong Kong passengers on the "Empress of Asia" when she sailed for Manila yesterday were Lt. J. A. Burns, Mr. J. L. Carson, Mr. H. S. Cuerdin, Rev. G. H. Calhoun, Mr. H. F. Daly, Dr. & Mrs. J. Gragasin, Lt. J. Godman, Rev. M. Maxquire, Capt. J. A. Moore, Rev. T. O'Brien.

Passengers by the homeward bound s.s. "Kashmir" from Hong Kong on Saturday included Colonel and Mrs. C. Russell Brown, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mrs. L. H. V. Booth, Mr. J. R. Hinton, Lt.-Comdr. C. St. C. Ingham, R.N., Lt.-Comdr. C. M. Faure, R.N., Mr. Ritchie and Mr. and Mrs. Lanigan, Sub-Inspector E. A. Vincent (the photographic and finger-print expert of the Police Force) and family; Traffic Sergeant F. J. Clarke (of No. 7 Police Station); Mrs. K. W. Andrew (wife of Det.-Sub-Inspector Andrew); Major and Mrs. H. Guest; Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Gumley; Pay Lt. I. T. Rees, R.N., Pay Lt. T. H. Trust, R.N.

Mrs. Edith Grace Norris, who died at Reading on January 11, in her 92nd year, was the mother of the Bishop of North China.

Boston, March 18.—The submarine "S.4" which was sunk at Provincetown in December, has been brought to the surface.—Reuter's American Service.

The re-opening of the Soviet Exhibition at Brussels, which was ransacked by a band of young people belonging to the Young Nationalists, has been forbidden.

General Mazarakis, the Greek War Minister, has resigned, and it is believed in Athens that he will reassume his post as Chief of Staff of the Army, and be replaced by a civil Minister.

The 40 greyhounds, which arrived at Shanghai by the s.s. "Glenapp" from Home are reported by the Greyhound Racing Association of China to have arrived in excellent condition.

Mr. A. Gray, of the Chartered Bank, left Shanghai with his step-daughter, Miss White, by the str. "Dairen Maru" for Harbin, where they expect to stay for about two months.

When a Russian steamer, flying the red flag, entered the Spanish port of Ferrol to coal, the authorities prevented the sailors from landing and the vessel pursued her voyage to Gibraltar.

Paris, March 18.—Parliament has closed the session in order to enable deputies seeking re-election to attend the campaign in view of the general elections on April 22 and 29. The new Chamber will assemble on June 1.—Havas.

Warsaw, March 18.—One of the chief witnesses for the prosecution in the "White" Russia communist trial has been murdered in a restaurant. The murder is alleged to have been committed by several well-known Communists who have been arrested.—Reuter.

Moscow, March 18.—The authorities have released two of the six German engineers who were arrested on a charge of sabotage at Donetz coalfield. One of the released had only been in Russia a few weeks. Altogether 60 persons were arrested.—Reuter.

The first congress of the Czech, German, Polish and Carpatho-Russian Social-Democratic Parties was held at Prague. It was attended by 700 delegates and by M. Debrouckere and Herr Fritz Adler of the Internationale. The congress determined upon co-operation and united political action.

Public wireless telephone service between Holland and America has been officially opened. The first conversation was carried on between the Foreign Minister of the Netherlands, Jonkheer Beelaerts van Blokland, and Mr. Kellogg, the United States Secretary of State, who spoke from Washington.

The Hon. Mr. L. McLean has left Singapore in retirement, after 27 years in the Malayan Civil Service. Mr. McLean, who had spent most of his official career in the legal and financial branches of the administration, took over the Treasurership when Mr. A. M. Pountney retired, and he was an extremely able and popular official.

Brussels, March 18.—At a meeting of the International Committee of the League of Nations the Unions unanimously decided to ask the International Labour Office not to fulfil the recent demand of the British Government Delegation at Geneva for the revision of the Washington Eight-Hour Day Convention. The Unions represented included British, German, Belgian, French and Italian.—Reuter.

London, March 18.—The new Prayer Book measure will be presented to the joint meeting of the Convocations of Canterbury and York on March 28, to the Church Assembly on April 26 and after that to Parliament subject to the approval of the respective bodies. The Bishop of Norwich, in a statement, declares that the new book makes a gallant but hopeless attempt to conciliate the House of Commons.—Reuter.

H.M.S. "Vindictive" Captain D. B. Mottee, has been ordered home from the China Station, where she has been serving as a unit of the Fifth Cruiser Squadron since 1925. She is expected at Devonport about the beginning of May, by which time three years will have expired since her present crew joined her at Chatham on April 15, 1925. The "Vindictive" will be recommissioned for duty in the Second Cruiser Squadron in the Mediterranean Fleet.

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Sport Columns

RIFLE LEAGUE.

TAIKOO COMPLETE THEIR FIXTURES.

DOUBLE FOR "TAMAR."

Taikoo Rifle Club completed their fixtures in the Hong Kong Rifle League with a triangular shoot against H.M.S. "Tamar" and the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers at Taikoo range on Saturday. The result was a double win for the "Tamar" and a win for Taikoo. Scores:—

H.M.S. "Tamar."

	200 Yds.	500 Yds.	600 Yds.	Total
C.P.O. Gully ..	32	31	31	94
Sgt. Riddler ...	34	28	32	94
Sgt. Bishop ...	29	28	25	82
Cpl. Jenkins ..	19	34	19	72
Cpl. Burnett ..	33	31	28	92
Mne. Counter ..	30	27	21	78
P.O. Greening .	29	32	28	89
Sgt. Hillaby ..	25	26	31	82
total	231	237	215	683
plus 4% for open sights				20
grand total...				703

Taikoo Rifle Club.

	200 Yds.	500 Yds.	600 Yds.	Total
Mr. Bone	24	33	25	82
Mr. Grimshaw .	23	25	25	73
Mr. Maxwell ..	29	34	31	94
Mr. McIndpe ..	32	27	28	87
Mr. McLennan .	27	33	30	90
Mr. Summers ..	32	32	21	85
Mr. Swan	29	30	30	89
Mr. Walmsley .	28	31	26	85
total 224		245	216	685

2nd Batt. K.O.S.B.

	200 Yds.	500 Yds.	600 Yds.	Total
Sgt. Barham ...	28	32	21	81
Sgt. Watts	27	24	10	61
C/Sgt. Yardley	21	26	22	69
Sgt. Cooke	27	28	20	75
Cpl. McGill ...	29	29	26	84
L/Cpl. Oxenham	28	28	27	83
Pte. Stewart ..	26	28	30	84
Pte. Lindores ..	26	26	18	70
total 212		221	174	607
plus 4% for open sights				24
grand total ...				631

YACHTING.

RACE FOR THE TAI YAT CUP.

The Tai Yat Cup race for racing yachts took place at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Saturday afternoon, when nine craft started and with the exception of "Joan" all finished the course.

"Rolla" was first to finish but failed to save her time. "Dorothea," second to complete the course, won on handicap, from "Boojum," the fourth to finish. "Colleen" was third both on actual and corrected time.

	Time Finishing.	Corrected.
Dorothea (1) .	5.27.54	5.19.30
Boojum (2) ..	5.45.41	5.20.29
Colleen (3) ..	5.32.17	5.22.57
Why Wonder? (4)	5.50.11	5.24.59
Lola (5)	5.56.47	5.25.59
Rolla (6)	5.26.59	5.26.59
Daphne (7) ..	5.53.30	5.32.58
Pierrette (8) .	6.19.25	5.51.25
Joan	did not finish.	

Course:— Channel Rocks (P), Mark on Line (S), Cust Rock Buoy (S), Kowloon Rocks (S), Lyemun Beacon (S), Mark on Line (S), Cust Rock Buoy (S). Distance 11.2 miles.

Menagerie Race.

Seven yachts took part in a menagerie race on Saturday, resulting:—

	Time Finishing.	Corrected.
Adele (1)	4.54.56	4.37.54
Diana (2)	4.43.10	4.41.57
Adanac (3) ..	4.59.59	4.42.47
Ailsa (4)	5.04.29	4.49.53
Thecla (5) ..	5.18.25	4.54.04½
Wings (6)	5.16.20	4.59.18
Gael (7)	5.25.43	5.05.38½

Course:— Kowloon Rocks (S), Mark on Line (S), Lyemun Beacon (S), Cust Rock Buoy (S). Distance 7.3 miles.

Club v. Ladies.

The Club beat the Ladies easily in two sailing matches yesterday. Scores:—

Club: morning race 49 points, afternoon 51—total 100.

Ladies: morning race 27 points, afternoon 28—total 55.

Souvenirs were presented to the ladies winning in each race, as follow:—

In the morning race,—Miss Hazeland (Bluenose) 1, Mrs. Sheldon (Gael) 2.

In the afternoon race,— Mrs. Claridge (Boojum) 1, Mrs. Sandeman (Halcyon) 2.

BOAT RACE TRIAL.

London, Saturday.

The Oxford University boat-race crew was on a full course trial today from Mortlake to Putney. The crew covered the distance in 22 minutes. There was a slight headwind and some rough water.—Reuter.

FANLING GOLF.

LEGAL PROFESSION LOSE TO THE REST.

12-A-SIDE MATCH.

The legal profession lost by 4 points to 18¼ points to the "Rest" of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club in a 12-a-side match yesterday at Fanling.

The singles on the new course were win by the "Rest" by 7¾ points to 3½. The score in the fourballs, on the old course, was 10½ to ½. Details follow:—

Singles.

Marton	1	Pendered	0
Andrewes	0	Stewart	0
Sheldon	0	Bloxham	1
Bulmer Johnson	0	Dodwell	1
Bennett	0	Ferguson	1
Beavis	0	Murray	1¼
Davidson	0	Sandes	1¼
Turner	¼	Hegarty	1
Hugh Jones	1	Greensmith	0
Lewis	¼	Perry	1
Potter	1	Sim	¼
Blake	0	Cameron	0
	3½		7¾

Fourballs.

Marton and Andrewes	0	Pendered and Stewart	2
Sheldon and Bulmer		Bloxham and Dodwell	0
Bennett and Johnson	0	Ferguson and Murray	2
Davidson and Turner	½	Sandes and Hegarty	2
Hugh Jones and Lewis	0	Greensmith and Perry	2
Potter and Blake	0	Sim and Cameron	2½
	½		10½

CHARITY MATCH.

THREE PENALTIES: BUT TWO MISSED.

A football XI composed of present and past students of the Sacred Heart College opposed a combined Royal Navy team in a charity match on the Hong Kong Football Club ground yesterday afternoon, and won a well contested game by 3 goals to 2. Teams:—

Sacred Heart College.—Pau Kaping; Li Tin-sang, Wong Sui-woo; Leung Wing-chiu, Leung Wing-tak, K. Y. Yung; Lai Ting-choi, Ip Pak-wa, Fung King-cheung, Suen Kam-shun, Lau Mau.

Royal Navy.—Tomkins ("Tern"); Willis ("Cumberland"), Baker ("Titania"); Archer ("Tamar"), Shuner ("Cumberland"), Newton ("Sterling"); Jones ("Peterel"), Kernick ("Titania"), Northey ("Ambrose"), Leonard ("Carlisle"), Cobb ("Cumberland").

The Navy kicked-off and immediately attacked, Li Tin-sang miskicking and very nearly letting Jones through. After this the Collegians dominated the play for a time. They were awarded a penalty but Fung King-cheung failed with the kick, Tomkins bringing off a very good save.

Soon afterwards the College lads came again, and some clever passing between Fung King-cheung and Suen Kam-shun resulted in the latter finding the net with a lob over Tomkins's head.

The Navy tried hard for an equaliser but were successfully shut out until half time.

Soon after the re-start, the Collegians increased their lead through Ip Pak-wa who placed the ball well beyond Tomkins's reach from a fine pass from Fung King-cheung (centre forward).

The Navy were undaunted by this deficit, and attacked very determinedly. They were awarded a penalty which Northey placed well, but Pau Ka-ping brought off a brilliant save. A moment later, however, Cobb scrambled through and beat the goalie with a difficult shot.

Continuing their pressure, the Navy were awarded another penalty, and this time Northey made no mistake.

With the scores level, both sides played hard for the deciding goal which was secured by the Collegians towards the end, when Suen Kam-shun beat Tomkins from a fine centre by Lai Ting-choi.

LAI WAH CUP.

The Civilian team to meet the Royal Navy in the Lai Wai cup first round on Saturday, March 24, will be:—

Clarke (Police); Wynne (Police), Bishop (Club); Hedley (Kowloon), Stewart (Club) captain, McKelvie (Kowloon); Taylor (Club), Howarth (Police), Gosano (Recreio), Rocha (Recreio), Cornwall (Police).

Reserves.—Sherry (Police), McBride (Club), McGreavy (Police), Brown (Recreio).

The annual meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club will be held in the clubhouse to-morrow at 6 p.m.

SATURDAY SOCCER.

CLUB WINS LEAGUE MATCH.

BORDERERS GO DOWN.

Six League matches were decided on Saturday—four in the senior division and two in the junior "A" class—and provided some surprising results.

The H.K.F. Club, after a long run of non-success and non-participation, won their game against the Recreio by the odd goal in five. Vickers, who reappeared at centre-forward for the winners, sustained a rather serious accident, fracturing his arm in a fall after a collision.

Chinese Athletic furnished another surprise, defeating Scottish Borderers by two clear goals, and Kowloon got the better of the Royal Artillery by the only goal of the match. The other first division match between the Police (playing only nine men) and the Queen's Regiment was a pointless draw.

The Boderers' Reserves swamped the Recreio Reserves by six clear goals in the junior "A" division, and Kowloon Reserves and the Artillery Reserves fought a draw.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

H.K. League—Division I.

Club de Recreio	2	H.K. Club	3
Kowloon	1	R.A.	0
Chinese Athletic	2	K.O.S.B. Regt. .	0
H.K. Police ...	0	Queen's Regt. ..	0

H.K. League—Junior Div. (A).

Kowloon Res. .	1	R.A. Res.	1
Club de Recreio	0	K.O.S.B. Res. ..	6

Hong Kong League Division I.

RECREIO v. HONG KONG F. C.

A very large crowd surrounded the ground at King's Park when these teams lined out as follows:—

Recreio: — Fernandez; Ogley, Xavier; Remedios (C), Remedios (A), Carvalho; Assumpcao, Silva, Gosano, Rocha, Brown.

Hong Kong F.C.:—Logan; Lyons, Bishop; McBride, Stewart, Watson; Alexander, Taylor, Vickers, Smith, Simpson.

Referee: Mr. Barber.

There was a very bright start to this game, and spectators were early assured of a thrilling match, for both teams set about their work at a fine pace, and Recreio got early into their stride and found the Club defence sound, Lyons stopping well. McBride just stopped Gosano as the centre forward was getting dangerous. Smith sent a delightful pass to Taylor and the Club forward was right through, but worried by Xavier, he sent over the bar in an excellent position.

Clever work by Brown and Rocha brought a couple of splendid saves out of Logan the Club custodian who was playing a strong game and following some determined attacking by the Club, Taylor dribbled neatly through and crossed to Vickers, who scored a fine goal.

The centre forward was nearly through again but Ogley cleared with a big kick and Recreio attacked determinedly, first Logan saving from Gosano and then from Silva, and Watson kicked from under the bar with Recreio certain scorers.

A great shot by Carvalho was deflected slightly by Rocha and Logan was beaten although he made a great effort to save, the teams crossing over on level terms.

In the second half both teams went all out and the pace was "a cracker." Club were right through and were awarded a penalty which was saved in fine style by Fernandez and Recreio broke through.

Rocha then gave his side the lead with a fine shot. Club did not deserve to be down, and Taylor scored the equaliser after good football by the whole of the forward line.

Vickers of the Club was badly injured and was taken off.

Taylor scored again for the Club following good work by Stewart, and Club retired winners of a fine game by three goals to two.

Comment.

The match was a good one and the ball was sent from end to end of the field in a bright manner. Recreio had hard lines on many occasions but the Club defence had a day "on" and Stewart watched the clever Gosano most carefully. The Club halves were a fine trio and the forwards were very bright, Taylor and Alexander making a fine right wing, and Smith and Simpson were prominent with clever touches. Vickers, up to the time of his accident, did well at centre forward and should be persevered with and Lyons and Bishop were very sturdy backs. Logan played a very sound game in goal.

Recreio did as much of the attacking as the Club and only in the matter of weight were the Club superior. Brown and Rocha were the better wing and was most carefully shadowed. Carvalho's goal was a beauty and the half back played a fine game. Ogley and Xavier showed good form. Fernandez was sound in goal and saved his side on several occasions.

Both teams played fast, clever football and on the day's play the Club were just worth their narrow victory.

KOWLOON v. R.A.

At Kowloon before a large crowd the following teams took the field:—

Kowloon: — Angus; Dodshon, Wheeler; Hedley, Sims, McKelvie; Reed, Kernick, Northey, Muir, Miles.

R.A.:— Fletcher; Blanchard, Maltby; Taylor, Downman, Hole; Davis, Gill, Leach, Hill, Jobe.

Referee: Staff Sgt. Gilbert.

The locals were warmly cheered on taking the field and started in bright fashion, Fletcher being early called upon to save. The R.A. were on the heavy side and attacked with big kicks, Maltby putting to Leach, who distributed the ball in promising fashion, and R.A. looked dangerous.

McKelvie broke up the attack and set his forwards going, but Muir was crowded out, the R.A. defending well. Kowloon were fully extended but a good run down by Kernick relieved the pressure, but R.A. backs sent well up the field and Gill put behind.

Kowloon played up in smart fashion, Sims slipping a nice pass to Muir, and Kowloon got going on the left, but Fletcher saved from Northey and Reed in fine style. Leech kept his forwards well up the field and the R.A. was stopped by Wheeler on one occasion. Northey scored for Kowloon with a characteristic shot, following hot work on the R.A. goal, and Kowloon led by one goal at the interval.

In the second half R.A. were early on the attack and Leech was right through, but shot hard outside from a fine position and missed a good chance. Kernick again tested Fletcher at the other end, the R.A. goalie gaining much applause by several fine saves in rapid succession. McKelvie put forward to Northey but the R.A. goalie saved right on the line from the Kowloon centre and midfield play of a tight nature followed. R.A. backs kicked with power, but Kowloon kept on the attack generally. A big burst through by Leech looked promising and the centre forward fed Hill in good position the winger putting safely in Augus's hands. R.A. kept on the attack and at this stage were deserving a goal, but great work by Sims and Hedley kept the R.A. forwards in hand. Hedley took a free kick awarded to Kowloon and shot hard at Fletcher, who saved well.

R.A. pressed severely towards the end, but Wheeler and Dodshon kept their goal line intact, and in a last desperate attack by Kowloon, Northey and Kernick were just kept out, the final whistle going with Kowloon winners of a very hard game by 1 goal.

Comment.

The R.A. gave a surprisingly good display and had they scored they would not have had more than their due, because they did a lot of attacking, which was led up to by brainy forward work. Kowloon, however, gave Fletcher more to do than Angus had, and the R.A. goalie played a grand game. Maltby, Taylor and Downman were great workers in the defence and the R.A. inside forwards, Gill, Leach and Hill, were a fine trio, Leech taking a big part in all the forward movements.

For Kowloon, Angus, as stated, had a quieter time than Fletcher, but the home goalie saved very well on occasions, and Wheeler and Dodshon were cool backs and sure kickers. The half back line could not be improved upon and the whole three gave a polished display.

Kernick was active amongst the forwards, the inside right getting a little more freedom as Northey was carefully watched, but the centre forward got a good goal and played well and Muir was nippy, the wingers not being so prominent as usual but standing the pace against their heavier opponents very well.

Kowloon	1
R. A.	0

K.O.S.B. v. CHINESE ATH.

K.O.S.B.—Anderson; Gardner, Martin; Everest, Davey, Skiggs; Campbell, Stock, Toal, McClinchey, Alexander.

Chinese Athletic.—Pau Ka-ping; Lo Wai-man, Lai Yuk-tat; Leung Yuk-tong, Wong Shui-wa, Ho Cho-in; Tso Kwai-shing, Ip Kau, Lam Yuk-ying, Suen Kam-shun, Chan Kwong-iu.

The Club ground was well crowded when these two teams turned out for their League engagement. This game was the cen-

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SATURDAY CRICKET.

KOWLOON DRAW WITH UNITED SERVICES.

EAST POINTERS APPEAR.

The championships in both divisions of the cricket League have been decided and the fixtures on Saturday were confined to friendly encounters.

Weather conditions were favourable for tall scoring and some brilliant individual batting performances were seen, the outstanding feature of which was a century by Murdoch for the Electric R.C. against the East Point R.C. at King's Park. This is the first time the latter side (a keen lawn bowls Club) have been seen on the cricket field, and it is to be hoped that with a little practice they will be able to field an XI in the Junior League in the near future.

The Kowloon C.C. drew with the United Services, the Hong Kong C.C. brought off an easy victory over a weak Services XI, and the Civil Service C.C., although they knocked up 202 for eight wickets declared, could not force a win over the Craigengower C.C.

K.C.C. v. UNITED SERVICES.

On their own ground, the Kowloon C.C. drew with the United Services in a high scoring match.

Brace (66) and Ramsay (34) gave their side a good start, putting up 61 runs before they became separated. Lawrence helped with 28 towards a total of 191.

The visitors started poorly, losing three wickets for 7 runs. Lt. Musson played an invaluable innings for 67 not out and saved his side from defeat. Lt. Barclay made 29 and Lt.-Comdr. Shaw was undefeated with 18. The United Services had made 186 for six wickets when the closure was applied. Scores:—

Kowloon C.C.

W. Brace, c Coghill, b Musson	66
A. W. Ramsay, c Davis, b Shaw	34
E. C. Fincher, b Pelley	18
E. F. Fincher, c Abelsome, b Shaw	19
J. C. Lyal, l.b.w., b Barclay ..	9
F. E. Lawrence, c Green, b Waters	28
Capt. J. Reynolds, b Musson ..	7
H. T. Buxton, not out	4
Extras	6
Total (for 7 wkts., dec.)	191

F. Goodwin, S. Jex, N. H. Ross did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dobbie	8	0	32	0
Thorp	10	0	43	0
Barclay	5	0	31	1
Musson	11	1	43	2
Pelley	6	0	16	1
Shaw	5	1	8	2
Waters	2.2	1	12	1

United Services.

Capt. N. A. Thorp, c Brace, b Goodwin	1
Lt. Coghill, b Lyal	2
Comdr. Pelley, b Goodwin	0
Inst. Lt. Abelsome, c Brace, b Lyal	7
Lt. Musson, not out	67
Capt. A. G. Dobbie, c Brace, b Goodwin	2
Lt. Barclay, b Brace	29
Lt.-Comdr. Shaw, not out	18
Extras	10
Total (for 6 wkts.) ...	136

Lt. Davis, Gdsm. Green, Lt. Waters did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lyal	9	3	23	2
Goodwin	12	3	43	3
Brace	5	0	23	1
E. F. Fincher ...	2	0	15	0
Ross	5	1	21	0
Reynolds	1	0	1	0

H.K.C.C. v. SERVICES.

The Hong Kong C.C. easily defeated a weak Services XI on the former's ground.

Hayward (86) and the Rev. Quick (68), the opening pair for the Club contributed more than half the total of their side which reached 188 runs.

Parker and Wales then ran through their opponents' wickets, returning the figures of 5 for 17 and 5 for 18 respectively. Scores:—

Hong Kong C.C.

A. W. Hayward, b Wyatt	86
Rev. E. K. Quick, c Sparrow, b Thomson	68
H. Owen-Hughes, l.b.w., b Hargreaves	6
O. Moor, b Hargreaves	8
E. R. Duckitt, c & b Miles	11
M. M. Maas, b Thomson	0
F. Spence, b Miles	8
H. V. Parker, c Miles, b Thomson	8
G. F. H. Richard, st. Fogden, b Thomson	3
C. D. Wales, not out	9
T. E. Hammond, b Miles	2
Extras	29
Total	188

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Thomson	14	1	67	4
Miles	10	1	42	3
Wyatt	5	1	21	1
Hargreaves	6	0	21	2
Sparrow	4	1	8	0

Services XI.

Col. Wyatt, b Parker	7
Gdsm. Chapman, b Wales	8
Lt. Welsh, c ?, b Wales	3
Capt. Drysdale, b Wales	0
Capt. Tyringham, b Parker ...	2
Gdsm. Hargreaves, c Maas, b Parker	2
Lt. Miller, b Wales	12
E. R. A. Sparrow, c Hammond, b Parker	0
Mr.-Gnr. Fogden, c Hammond, b Parker	0
Lt.-Comdr. Thomson, not out	1
L/Cpl. Miles, c Duckitt, b Wales	0
Extras	3
Total	38

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	7	0	17	5
Wales	6	1	18	5

The Services XI had a second innings, compiling 91 for six wickets. Mr.-Gnr. Fogden contributed 33, Lt. Miller 18 not out and E. R. A. Sparrow 17.

C.S.C.C. v. CRAIGENGOWER.

On their own ground, the Civil Service C.C. drew with their neighbours the Craigengower C.C.

Scoring consistently, the home team put up 202 runs for eight wickets when they declared. The first eight batsmen reached double figures, Sayer (40 not out), being the highest scorer.

Craigengower just managed to play out time after getting 164 for nine wickets. Lim played a patient innings for 36 while Reed and Mackay contributed 29 each, the latter being undefeated, when stumps were drawn. Fletcher accounted for five wickets for 59 runs. Scores:—

Civil Service C.C.

B. D. Evans, l.b.w., b Fritz ...	18
J. Barrow, c Lim, b Reed	12
F. H. Holdman, c Hamson, b Reed	19
G. C. Edwards, b Hamson	23
F. Baker, c Omar, b Hamson ..	21
B. C. K. Hawkins, b Fritz	28
G. R. Sayer, not out	40
A. R. Sutherland, c Oliver, b Fritz	22
F. J. Ling, b Oliver	4
G. H. Fowler, not out	3
Extras	12
Total (for 8 wkts., dec.)	202

J. C. Fletcher did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hamson	8	0	49	2
Fritz	16	1	73	3
Abbas	3	0	14	0
Reed	3	1	9	2
Oliver	8	0	45	1

Craigengower C.C.

R. C. Reed, c Barrow, b Fletcher	29
F. Zimmern, b Evans	4
H. P. Lim, st. Holdman, b Hawkins	36
A. B. Hamson, c Holdman, b Baker	6
D. Fritz, run out	0
E. Zimmern, st. Holdman, b Fletcher	12
N. Mackay, not out	29
U. M. Omar, b Fletcher	9
Y. Abbas, c Sutherland, b Fletcher	10
F. K. Modi, b Fletcher	0
F. Oliver, not out	8
Extras	21
Total (for 9 wkts.) ..	164

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ling	5	0	11	0
Evans	7	1	32	1
Baker	7	1	17	1
Fletcher	11	1	59	5
Hawkins	5	0	24	1

'VARSITY 2ND v. R.E. & S.

At Pokfulam, the University 2nd XI defeated the Royal Engineers and Signals by six wickets.

But for Col. Skinner (45), Lt. Macdonald (29) and Capt. Carnegie (14), the rest of the R.E. and S. batsmen failed against the bowling of Kermani (5 for 30) and Chan Fook (3 for 32).

The 'Varsity replied with 193 against the visitors' total of 117. Barma scored 31 while Kermani and Baker both retired after getting 29 and 23 respectively.

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LONDON EXCHANGES.

	London, Sunday.
Paris	124
New York.	4.87 31/32
Brussels	35.01½
Geneva	25.34¼
Amsterdam	12.12 17/32
Milan	92.405
Berlin	20.405
Stockholm	18.18⅛
Copenhagen	18.21¾
Helsingfors	193.775
Oslo	18.285
Vienna	34.635
Prague	164 21/32
Madrid	28.95
Lisbon	2
Athens	368
Bucharest	787
Rio	5 59/64
Bombay	1/5 63/64
Shanghai	2/6¾
Hong Kong	2/0⅛
Yokohama	1/11 3/32
Silver Spot	26 7/16
Silver Forward ...	26¼

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Bank 30 day's sight ..	——
Bank 4 months' sight...	2/- ⅜
Credit 4 months' sight	2/1⅛
Documentary 4 months' sight	2/1¼
On Paris—	
On demand	1245
Credits 4 months' sight	1820
On Berlin—	
On demand	——
On New York—	
On demand	49½
Credits 60 days' sight	50¾
On Bombay—	
Wire	134¼
On demand	134¼
On Calcutta—	
Wire	134¼
On demand	134¼
On Singapore—	
On demand	87
On Manila—	
On demand	98½
On Shanghai—	
On demand	78½
30 day's sight (private paper)	——
On Yokohama—	
On demand	104¼
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	——
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.60
Silver (per oz.)	26 7/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	3% prem.
Chinese Copper Cash	nom.
Chinese Copper Cents	6% prem
Rate of Native Interest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin ..	30¼% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	Par.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Stock	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.		
T.T. on London	2/- ⅛		
T.T. on Shanghai	78⅝		
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	$1250	b	
do. Lon. Reg. ..	$130	n	
Chartered Bank	$21¾	b	
Mercantile A. & B. ...	$38¾	n	
do. C. ...	$14¾	n	
P. & O. Bank	$9⅛	n	
Bank of East Asia ...	$73½	b	
Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	$675	b	
Union Insurance	$332	n	
North China Insurance	T143	n	
Yangtze Insurance ...	M.$46½	b	
China Underwriters ..	$2.65	s	
China Fire Insurance	$215	n	
H.K. Fire Insurance ..	$750	b	
Shipping.			
Douglaser	$42½	s	
H.K. Steamboats	$29½	b	
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	$2½	s	
Indo-Chinas (Pref) ...	$35	n	
do. (Def.) ...	$45½	b	
Shell Transports	90/-	n	
Water-boats	$20½	s	20¼ sa
Mining.			
Benguets	$2.35	n	
Kailan Mining Ad. ..	66/-	n	
Langkats (Combined).	T16	n	
do. (Single) ...	T7	n	
Shanghai Explorations	$2¾	n	
Shanghai Loans	$5.10	n	
Raubs	$4¼	n	
Tronoh Mines	$17/6	b	
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves ..	$141	b	141½ sa
H.K. & W. Docks	$48½	n	
China Providents	$6.40	s	
Hongkews	$164	b	
New Engineerings ...	$4.80	n	
Shanghai Docks	$101	b	
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	$8.85	s	
Oriental Cottons	$2	b	
S'hai Cottons (Old) ..	60	s	
do. (new) ..	$31	n	
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	$10¾	s	
Hongkong Lands	$67⅝	b	
Shanghai Lands	$131	b	
Humphreys Estates ..	$15	b	
Hongkong Realties	$8	n	
H.K. Territorials	$1	n	
Prince's Buildings ...	——		
Public Utilities.			
H.K. Tramways	$25.90	b	26.15 sa
Peak Trams (old)	$12½	b	
do. (new) ...	$7	b	
Star Ferries	$64¾	n	
China Lights (comb.)	$18	n	
do. (old) .	$12¾	b	
do. (new) .	$10	b	
H.K. Electrics	$71¼	b	71¾ sa
Macao Electrics	$21	b	
H.K. Telephones	$4.85	b	
China Buses	$6¾	b	
Singapore Tractions ..	11/9	n	
Industrials.			
China Sugars	$13½	b	
Marabou Sugars	$27	n	
Canton Ices	$4	n	
Cements (comb.)	$12.10	s	
do. (old)	$10	b	
do. (new)	$2.10	n	
H.K. Ropes (old)	$9.40	s	
do. (new) ...	$4	n	
United Asbestos	$10	s	
Stores, &c.			
Dairy Farms	$21½	b	
Watsons	$14½	b	14¾ sa
Der. A. Wings	$1	s	
Lane, Crawfords	$3.65	b	
Mackintoshs	$22	s	
Sincere	$10	b	
Wm. Powells	$5	n	
Miscellaneous.			
H.K. Amusements ...	$29½	b	[30/.10 sa
H.K. Constructions ...	$1⅛	n	
B. Ind. G. Bonds	60%	b	
H. K. Govt. Loans ...	6% Prem.	b	

CIRCULAR RAINBOW.

London, Feb. 7.

A remarkable weather phenomenon was observed yesterday by a pilot of a Handley-Page Napier air liner of Imperial Airways, flying from Paris to London.

When approaching the Channel he saw ahead a vividly coloured rainbow, which formed a complete circle, through the centre of which the air liner appeared to fly. He afterwards stated that this was the first time in thirteen years' continuous flying experience in all parts of the world he had seen a complete circular rainbow.

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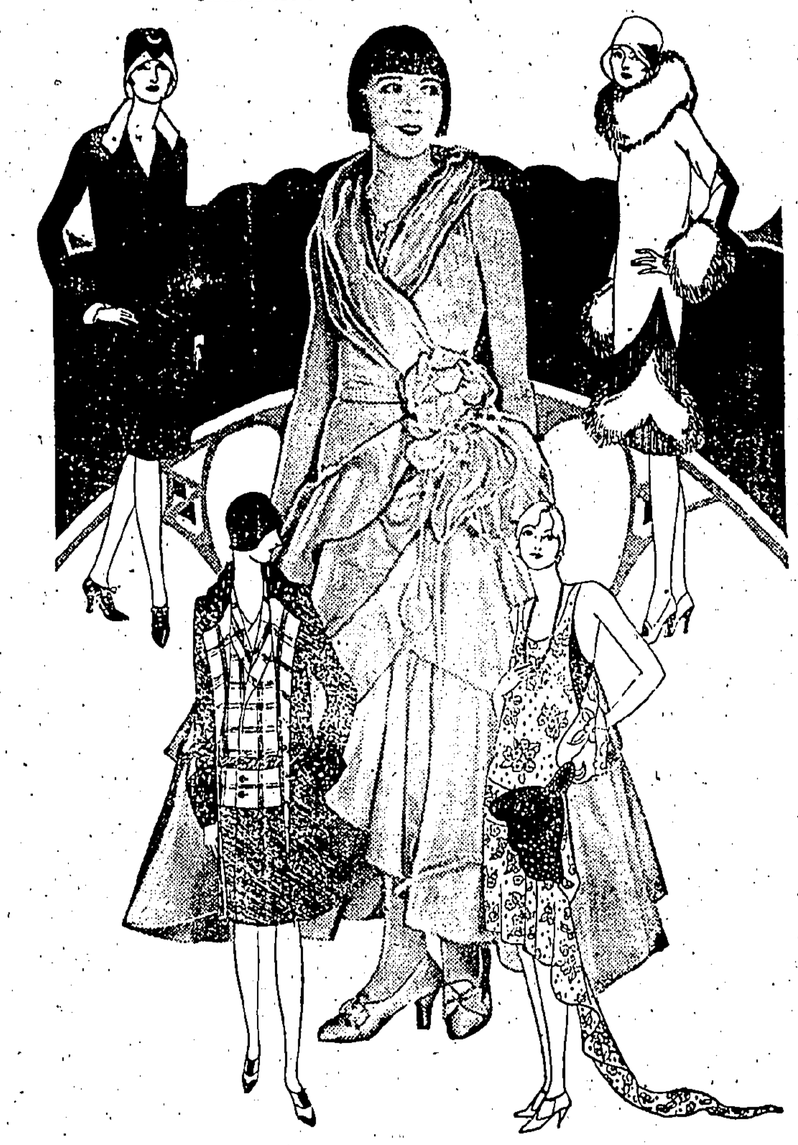
FASHIONS AND FANCIES

THE MODE IN HOLLYWOOD REVEALS.
MANY INTERESTING FEATURES,

Where Style is Essential, There is Variety to the Standardised Wardrobe Which Includes Many Interesting Details; Clothes for Every Hour Are Smartly Seen.



There are some extremely important things to know in the matter of the mode for 1927-28 season, according to Max Ree, First National studio costume creator, who is head over heels in the business of styling.

The most important things to consider are: silhouette, colour and material.

Details are essential but not imperative.

Start with skirts, urges Ree, for after all the length of the frock determines its vogue.

Skirts for evening wear are decidedly longer. The uneven hemline, short at one point and touching the ground elsewhere, sometimes is lifted in front in an over outline.

Skirts are fuller.

Skirts bear all the elaboration of trimming.

Many skirts are panelled or plaited.

Skirts for afternoon dresses are a bit shorter than for evening wear, but considerably longer than those worn last summer. They boast uneven hemlines, too.

Street and sports skirts are shorter than ever—don't forget, shorter than ever. They will remain so from all indications, for women are adapting details to meet conditions.

This changes the silhouette, and because of the new lengths, the waistine measurements are changing.

Waistlines are gradually creeping up to normalcy, and while there are belts, girdles and swathed hip effects, the princess line which is gradually making itself felt in style marts at least offer a diversity that is intersting. Sometimes a bow calls attention to lack of hips, for hips are no more popular this year than last.

And for colour:

Max Ree says colour plays the most important role for ensemble effects.

Sober, dark, restrained tones are worn for street wear.

Black in serges, silks, chamois, broadcloths, satins and novelties lead.

Brown is popular for streets wear.

Blues are nice to include in every wardrobe.

Evening tones are deeper than pastels, but pastels are still worn.

Velvets in all moods lead in materials. Velveteens, corduroys, straight pile velvet, panne chiffon, real and artificial silk velvet, checked, shaded, brocaded, rubberized velvet coats and transparent velvets all are accepted.

Satins, lames, taffeta and moire for the more formal, but elegant social gatherings follow velvets. These are the Hollywood fashion forecasts.

Colleen Moore, wearing clothes of exceptional smartness in the First National film, "Her Wild Oat" makes apparent these new notes in the mode.

LINGERIE.

Very Easy To Make These Days

Surely lingerie was never so easy to make as it is to-day.

Of course, there are many of us who still spend our precious leisure hours, and our even more precious eye-sight, putting innumerable tiny stitches into bits of crepe-de-chine, and there are also many of us who would love to have exquisitely sewn lingerie but simply haven't the time to make it. And as we rightly refuse to forfeit our self-respect by wearing machine-made undies, what are we to do?

I am sure I have found the answer, for lately I have noticed in the shops a number of dainty things that help to solve the problem.

Quick Work.

What do you think of a nightdress that may easily be made, in less than an hour?

You buy a length of tubular stockinette bind one end with washing satin of the same shade, and at the top you simply sew a lace yoke that may be bought all ready made, with armholes and neck completed. What could be simpler?

The top may be composed of a plain piece of lace sewn to the stockinette, with two short shoulder straps to keep it in place.

Other nightdress tops are composed of ecru lace, about three or four inches wide woven into the shape of a "bateau" neck and with pieces extending down each side to outline the wide armholes of the nightdress. Of course, you may again use stockinette for this model, or, if you are willing to sew a couple of seams, cut out of crepe-de chine, triple ninon, washing satin, or the humbler yet ever-dainty tinted cambric.

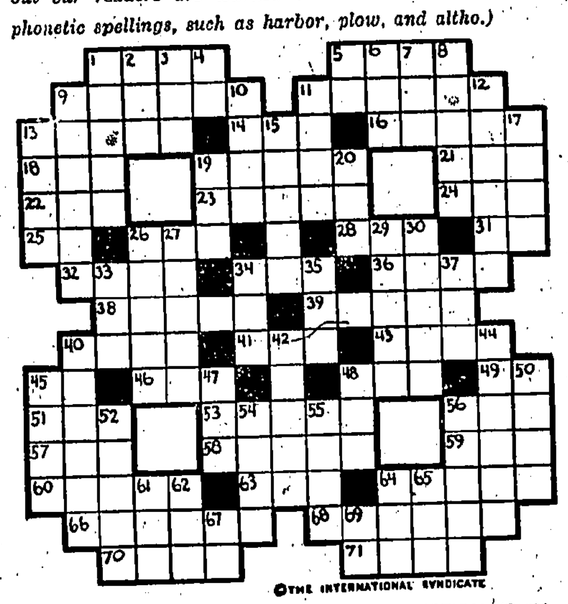
Pastel Embriodery.

Other nightdress yokes are made with a V-shaped neck opening, and a rectangular front. Most of them are of string coloured lace, but I have also seen the lace lightly embroidered in pastel shades with charming results.

Tubular silk stockinette is easily made into vests for warm weather wear, when one end is bound with ribbon and the other is finished with one of the many versions of lace "camisole" tops. I noticed an exquisite "top" of real point lace that would help to make an adorable "very best" for evening wear.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

1–Drop
5–Apple seeds
9–A snap with the end of a finger
11–A fruit
13–Avarice
14–An epoch
16–Snatches
18–A greasy liquid
19–General direction
21–Suffix, of the nature of
22–A color
23–A joint
24–A card game
25–Half an em
26–An insect
28–To move quickly to and fro
31–Prefix meaning again
32–To deal out
34–A bird
36–Fluent
38–A precious stone
39–A self-evident truth
40–Insect (pl.)
41–Arid
43–Cuts off
45–Conjunction
46–A numeral
48–The bottom of a skirt
49–Pronoun

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

51–To steep
53–Similar
56–Nourished
57–To prohibit
58–One who poses
59–To loiter
60–A kind of fish
63–A Turkish title
64–A portion
66–Leavened dough
68–Scissors
70–The base of salt
71–To make easy

VERTICAL

1–Open country
2–Alcoholic beverage
3–Doctor of Laws (abbr.)
4–An island in N. Y. State (abbr.)
5–A State in the U. S. (abbr.)
6–Participial suffix
7–A standard of value
8–A mollusk with a spiral shell
9–A Quaker
10–Prefix meaning around
11–Heavy blow
12–To swallow up
13–Clotted blood
15–To begin afresh

VERTICAL (Cont.)

17–Worn on the foot
18–Possessive pronoun
20–Condensed moisture
26–A group of ships
27–Rent
29–Nimble
30–Darkness
33–Open (poetical)
34–Aged
35–Non-professional
37–A mischievous child
40–Shatters
42–To lift up
44–Curacs
45–Eyes
47–A short slumber
48–Possessive pronoun
50–To sidle
52–Ensnares
54–Part of the ear
55–Instruments for moving bolts in locks
66–A bright unsteady light
61–Also
62–Finish
64–A large body of water
65–Possesses
67–Southern State (abbr.)
69–Pronoun

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

WHEN WASHING SILK.

Hints For Coloured And Plain.

Silk is so popular nowadays that it is important for the housewife to know the best manner of washing it. The process is, after all, quite simple.

In the first place, the silk should be given a thorough, but gentle, shaking, in order to remove all dust; it must not be steeped in water, as this tends to harden the fabric. Next, wash the silk by kneading and squeezing in warm soapy water until quite clean. Where very soiled parts occur as if collars and cuffs, it may be necessary to apply a little hard soap and to rub with the hands; but this should be avoided as much as possible.

When the silk is clean, rinse in warm water, then in cold, and if a pure white colour is required, dip it into very pale blue water.

A Stiffening Process.

Thin silk is improved if stiffened by means of a little gum water, made by dissolving two ounces of the best white gum arabic crystals in half a pint of hot water. Strain the solution through a piece of coarse muslin, and keep in a glass stoppered bottle. For most kinds of silk four teaspoonfuls of the prepared gum water added to one pint of water are quite sufficient to give the necessary firmness.

After dipping the silk in the gum water, pass it through the wringer, or roll tightly in a clean cloth ready for ironing.

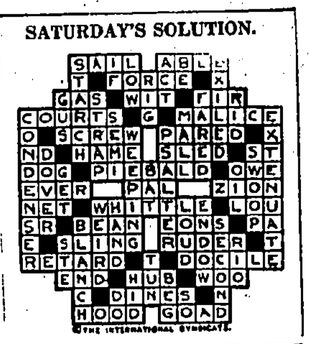
A good gloss may be obtained by placing the article in a solution of methylated spirit and water, in the proportion of two dessertspoonfuls of the spirit to one pint of water.

Vinegar And Salt.

When washing coloured silk, it is advisable to add vinegar and salt to the last rinsing water, that is two dessertspoonfuls of each to one gallon of water. The former brightens the colour, and the latter prevents it from running. Before passing coloured silk through the wringer, be sure to wrap it in a cloth with a fold between each layer of the silk, otherwise the colours may run into one another.

The ironing of silk is most important, and should be done when the article is still wet. If it has become dry, do not, on any account, damp it down, instead, dip the entire article into water and pass through the wringer as before. Press firmly with a warm iron on the right side if the silk is white or light-coloured, and on the wrong side when it has a dark or dull surface.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.



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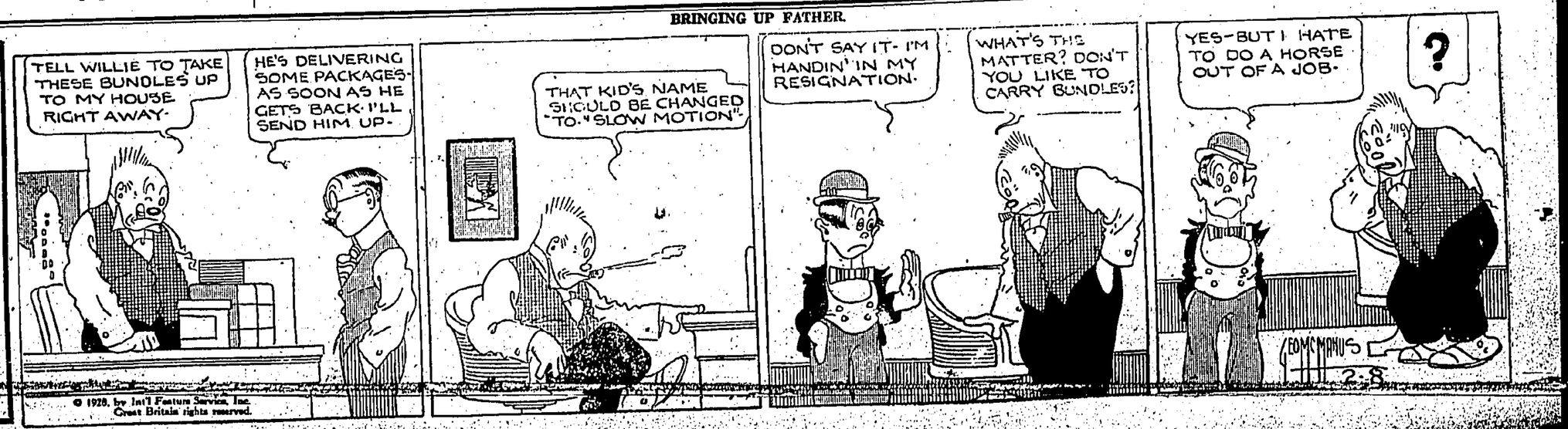

MYSTERY RACING.

WHY WAS THE RED FLAG HOISTED?

SECOND EXTRA MEETING.

Of most interest, from the public's point of view, at Saturday's flat racing at Happy Valley, the second extra meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club season, was the hoisting of the red flag at the conclusion of the seventh event.

After the meeting of the Stewards, no information was given to the Press in spite of a request for an official statement.

The racing during the day was very interesting. Honours were fairly evenly distributed and there were more big dividends than small. The "Eve" stable showed pronounced superiority and scored a treble.

Adding to the mystery of the seventh race was the fact that, as far as could be seen from the sharp angle of the Press box, no pony had been interfered with or hindered. There appeared nothing on which an objection could have been lodged.

As it transpired, however, there was no objection. What had occurred was that the Jockey Club stewards had, on their initiative, instituted an inquiry. Unfortunately, the programme (or "race book" as it is sometimes called) does not provide for a spontaneous inquiry. The following is taken from the book:—

No Blue or White.

"In the event of a protest or objection being lodged, a red flag will be hoisted at the Judge's Box. If the objection be sustained, a blue flag will be hoisted, and if disallowed, a white flag."

The red flag did go up in the first instance. After a minute or so it came down. A little while after the stewards' deliberations, the red flag went up again. The red flag then meant—nothing! Either a white or blue flag had to be hoisted, so that the public could know what had happened.

What Occurred Before.

The "China Mail" representative, on approaching a steward, was informed that the red flag was hoisted (on the second occasion) because it was the normal time for it to be up! The "China Mail" states categorically that the steward in question was labouring under a misapprehension. The red flag is only hoisted after the third bell, as a warning that a race is about to start, and comes down immediately the starter's flag goes. The red flag is also used, of course, to signify a protest or objection—according to rules; and it has also served to denote a stewards' inquiry as was the case when one of Mr. Haimovitch's mounts accidentally carried another runner wide out through shying at a motor-car; and intimation was then conveyed to the Press box that Mr. Haimovitch had been entirely exonerated.

By Error.

It is the "China Mail's" opinion that the red flag was hoisted a second time on Saturday by error and that no decision can be interpreted from it. But no result of the first "danger signal" was announced!

Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Clerk of the Course and one of the stewards, informed the "China Mail" that no objection had been made. The stewards had ordered a "private" inquiry and had called on some of the jockeys. No official statement, he replied, would be issued, nor would the finding of the inquiry be given, as the inquiry was a private matter.

In Fairness to All.

There is no need to stress the public's point of view further. But in justice to all who had any part in the race the "China Mail" maintains that an official statement should have been forthcoming so that nobody need be under unwarranted suspicion.

That the stewards had cause for inquiry there can be no doubt. Otherwise the ominous red flag would not have gone up. Whether the supposed infringement or infringements were proved, or whether explanations were satisfactory, is not known. If the stewards had intended the matter to be private, the public should not have had its attention attracted by the red flag. In any case, no difference is made to the cash sweep and pari-mutuel which are ruled according to "the order past the post." If all concerned were exonerated, that is all the more reason for a statement.

THE RACING.

Three Odds-on Winners, but Others Paid Well.

Some excellent finishes were seen and times were, on the whole, good. Only three favourites succeeded in eight races and they were all odds on. Punters must have had a good day, however, as four winners were well supported and the dividends they paid were $18.70, $17.70, $33.20 and $22.70. Mowgli was the surprise winner, returning $73.50 in the second race.

The size of fields varied. The biggest was fifteen and double figures were reached in two other events.

How Honours Were Shared.

Mr. "Eve" did best among the owners with three first places which included the big race of the day (the fourth). Dr. L. Reidy and Mr. F. Usher each claimed a first and a second.

Dr. Reidy also led the jockeys with two firsts, a second and a third. Mr. Proulx had a double. Mr. Harriman won once, got very near on two other occasions and also claimed a third. Mr. Clark scored his "maiden" first and a second. Mr. Charles won the last race of the day, as at the previous meeting and had two other places. Mr. Harold Seth, the popular "veteran," pleased a large number by riding one of his all too rare firsts, and this was on his own pony.

The Red Light.

Appropriate weather and good going were two other desirable features. The support was encouraging and a large proportion of the attendance was supplied by the fair sex.

The red light signal over the starters' board—in vogue at the annual meeting to indicate two minutes more for betting—was used at an extra meeting for the first time on Saturday and was appreciated by punters.

The Officials.

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Honorary Stewards: His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, Bt., K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L. (Oxon), His Excellency Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G.

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Clerk of the Course: Mr. C. G. Mackie.

Secretary: Mr. C. B. Brown.

Treasurers: Messrs. Linstead and Davis.

Judge: Mr. D. E. Clark.

Assistant Judge: Mr. P. Tester.

In charge of the Scales: Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. C. B. Brown.

Starter: Mr. W. D. Fiddes Wilson.

Second Starter: Major F. Hogg.

Paddock: Mr. F. Sutton.

Handicapper: Mr. C. M. S. Alves.

Timekeeper: Mr. A. A. Alves.

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Honorary Veterinary Surgeons: Major F. Hogg, R.A.V.C., Mr. L. Reidy, M.R.C.V.S.

Band Music

The programme of music by the Band of the 2nd Battn. King's Own Scottish Borderers was as follows:—

March, "Le Pere La Victoire," Ganne.
Overture, "Morning, Noon, and Night," Suppe.
Cornet Solo, "Mifanwy," Forster.
Selection, "The Girl Friend," Rodgers.
Serenade, "D'Amour," Blon.
Suite, "Americana," Thurban.
Selection, "Patience," Sullivan.
Fox Trot, "Himazas," Austin.
"Blue Bonnets O'er the Border."
"God Save the King."

Cash Sweeps.

Below are given the results of the cash sweeps at Saturday's races.

Drawers of unplaced starters get $50 each except where stated.

Race I.

No. 175 .....$1,065.40
„ 103 ..... 304.40
„ 120 ..... 152.20
Unplaced runners, Nos. 242, 99, 222, 411, 250, 94, 22.

Race II.

No. 515 .....$1,363.60
„ 448 ..... 389.60
„ 115 ..... 194.80
Unplaced runners, Nos. 329, 417, 450, 365, 525, 151, 55, 122, 73.

Race III.

No. 182 .....$1,794.10
„ 234 ..... 512.60
„ 144 ..... 256.30
Unplaced runners, Nos. 291, 518, 560.

Race IV.

No. 557 .....$3,949.40
„ 394 ..... 1,128.40
„ 66 ..... 564.20
Unplaced runner ($100) No. 440.

Race V.

No. 740 .....$1,913.80
„ 426 ..... 546.80
„ 430 ..... 273.40
Unplaced runners, Nos. 362, 395, 475, 521, 128, 526, 726, 206, 664, 416, 500, 617.

Race VI.

No. 278 .....2,012.50
„ 64 ..... 575.00
„ 24 ..... 287.50
Unplaced runner, No. 79.

Race VII.

No. 250 .....$2,004.80
„ 470 ..... 572.80
„ 114 ..... 286.40
Unplaced runners, Nos. 48, 540, 544, 206, 428.

Race VIII.

No. 235 .....$2,169.30
„ 396 ..... 619.80
„ 711 ..... 309.90
Unplaced runners, Nos. 609, 246, 564.

1.—April Stakes: one mile.—For China ponies, subscription griffins of this club of this season, non-winners, weight for inches as per scale. jockey allowance, entrance $5, 1st prize: $400, 2nd prize: $150, 3rd prize: $100.

Mr. Seth's Erstwhile 155 lbs. (Mr. Seth) 1
Dr. S. To Wong's Fair Eyes 153 lbs. .....(Mr. Wong) 2
Messrs. Kong Bros.' Sea Front 155 lbs. ..... (Mr. Harriman) 3
Messrs. Tester and Abraham's Wine Boy (late Medeira) 150 lbs. .....(Mr. Proulx) 4
Mrs. R. M. Austin's Social Call 154 lbs. (Mr. Gordon) 0
Mr. L. Dunbar's The Gannet 155 lbs. ....(Mr. da Roza) 0
Mr. A. A. Miller's Tarzali 150 lbs. .....(Mr. Miller) 0
Mr. Pierce Grove's Siang River 155 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 0
Mr. Pierce Grove's Little River 150 lbs. (Mr. Morgan) 0
Mr. H. P. White's Sea Hawk (late Loch Lomond II) 155 lbs. .....(Mr. Charles) 0

Time: 2 mins. 10.3/5 secs.
5 lengths; 6 lengths.

Pari mutuel:— winner $18.70; places, 1st $5.70; 2nd $5.30; 3rd $6.30.

	Winner.	Places.
Fair Eyes	416	714
Erstwhile	208	310
Sea Front	89	176
The Gannet	49	106
Wine Boy	42	68
Sea Hawk	34	58
Social Call	12	16
Siang River	8	25
Tarzali	6	8
Little River	4	14

The "veteran" Mr. Seth rode with shrewd judgment to beat the other nine runners. His pony was second best backed and returned a nice dividend to supporters. He was with the van when the flag fell, running at the heels of Sea Hawk, one of the outsiders. Wine Boy and Sea Front (third in demand) were also in the chase, with the remainder of the field close up. After going two furlongs Mr. Seth drove Erstwhile to the front and established a lead of three lengths. Going up the incline, Fair Eyes (favourite at evens) was driven hard up and took second place. Rounding the last bend, Fair Eyes was still a length in arrears and then gradually receded to be beaten by five lengths. Sea Hawk showed little spirit and was passed by Sea Front, Wine Boy and Siang River towards the end. These three had a rare tussle for third place. Sea Front was on the rails and Mr. Harriman brought him through, six lengths behind the second. Wine Boy was just beaten for place money and Siang River, on the outside, was close up.

2.—Boa Vista Handicap: "B" class: six furlongs.—For China ponies, entrance $5, 1st prize: $400, 2nd prize: $150, 3rd prize: $100.

Mr. F. Usher's Mowgli 152 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 1
Mr. H. T. C.'s Bright Eve 150 lbs. .....(Mr. Clark) 2
Mr. N. Hashim's Sunning 158 lbs. .....(Mr. Charles) 3
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Boukra 154 lbs. .....(Mr. Bulteel) 4
Mr. Eve's Festive Eve 162 lbs. (Mr. Backhouse) 0
Mr. Yam Man's May 159 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 0
Messrs. K. C. Lau and H. C. Lee's Duke of Nieblung 158 lbs. .....(Mr. Lau) 0
Mr. R. Gordon's Damaged Goods (late Four Horsemen 158 lbs. ..(Mr. Usher) 0
Messrs. Tester and Abraham's Bing Boy 156 lbs. (Mr. Seth) 0
Mr. R. M. Austin's Grey Knight 153 lbs. ..... (Mr. Gordon) 0
Mr. C. T. C.'s Northern Stag 150 lbs. ...(Mr. Harriman) 0
Mr. F. Usher's Castle 145 lbs. (Mr. Miller) 0

Time: 1 min. 33.2/5 secs.
1 length; 1½ lengths.

Pari mutuel:—winner $73.50; places, 1st $11.30; 2nd $10.50; 3rd $7.40.

	Winner.	Places.
Sunning	483	428
Bright Eve	173	192
Boukra	142	248
Bing Boy	88	93
Mowgli	74	167
Northern Stag	53	148
Damaged Goods	50	36
Grey Knight	44	113
May	42	50
Duke of Nieblung	29	46
Festive Eve	25	53
Castle	6	7

After a straggling start, a few of the field of twelve provided a thrilling finish with Mowgli (who had won the "C" class comfortably at the previous meeting) winning and paying a big dividend. Sunning, the favourite, was not fit. He led at the start from Boukra and Bright Eve (the two next best backed) and Grey Knight was also prominent for a while. Festive Eve and Duke of Nieblung were badly left. Boukra moved up at the lest bend and was on terms with two furlongs to go. Bright Eve issued a strong challenge to the pair from the outside. At the distance post Mowgli was seen to have made up ground rapidly but was shut in. Then Boukra bored out and Mowgli was sent through to retain the lead to the end in a hard-fought finish. Bright Eve beat Sunning for second money and Sunning just kept Boukra out of a place. Bing Boy was the best of the others, followed by May, Northern Stag and Damaged Goods. The place dividends were also tempting.

3.—Boa Vista Handicap: "A" class six furlongs.—For China ponies, entrance $5, 1st prize: $400, 2nd prize: $150. 3rd prize: $100.

Mr. Eve's New Year's Eve 162 lbs. .....(Mr. Proulx) 1
Messrs. K. C. Lau and H. C. Lee's Duke of Verona 158 lbs. .....(Mr. Harriman) 2
Mr. H. P. White's San Francisco 159 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 3
Mr. Moon's O-Moon 153 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 4
Mr. Hau Un's Little Sit Tang 154 lbs. (Mr. da Roza) 0
Mr. Dynasty's King of the Plains 146 lbs. (Mr. Clark) 0

Time: 1 min. 31.2/5 secs.
Length; 1½ lengths.

Pari mutuel:— winner $17.70; places, 1st $5.50; 2nd $5.50; 3rd $5.40.

	Winner.	Places.
San Francisco	484	594
Duke of Verona	452	489
New Year's Eve	406	466
O-Moon	106	129
King of the Plains	89	135
Little Sit Tang	62	86

Three in the field of six were well supported and the other three were neglected; but the finish was not a reflection of the public's fancy. San Francisco was a shade more in demand than Duke of Verona who, on the other hand, carried a little more money than New Year's Eve, the top weight. The order at the end was just the reverse of this. San Francisco and Little Sit Tang shot out at the fall of the flag and made the pace a scorcher. New Year's Eve was third, followed by Duke of Verona, King of the Plains and O-Moon. San Francisco increased his lead at the Rock and Little Sit Tang was still going nicely. Down the incline, the rearguard closed up. San Francisco had a strong lead entering the straight. Hereabouts O-Moon was very prominent but the effort was unavailing against better class ponies. New Year's Eve easily dispossessed Little Sit Tang and, San Francisco having run wide, was in front at the one mile post. Duke of Verona came with a belated rush, losing first place only by a length. San Francisco stayed on to take third money from O-Moon, with Little Sit Tang and King of the Plains in close company. The finish was a tribute to the Handicapper.

4.—First Aggregate Stakes: one mile. — Value $590. For all China ponies. Catch weights at 10 st. 9 lbs. Winners of a race value $600 or over other than a race confined to subscription griffins, or ponies that have won the aggregate prize in the Gymkhana Stakes or Aggregate Stakes in any season 5 lbs. extra. Non-winning subscription griffins allowed 5 lbs.

A Cup to be run for five times, or as decided by the Committee, called the Aggregate Cup, will be presented at the end of the season to be won by the pony scoring most marks in the races for the Aggregate Stakes at the extra meetings during the season, counting 4 points for a first; 2 for a second; and 1 for a third. The benefit of marks already scored to pass with the pony on a sale. Any winner of the race this season to carry 5 lbs. extra for each win in subsequent starts for the race, but in the event of a pony carrying the penalty not winning, 2 lbs. to be deducted next time he starts, such 2 lbs. to remain deducted until he wins again, when he will carry the full penalties without deduction. Penalties accumulative up to 15 lbs. In the event of two or more ponies tying with the same number of marks after five races have been run the owners shall either divide the value of the Cup which is hereby placed at $1,000, or shall run off on a day to be fixed by the Committee, not being the same day as the last race for the Stakes but within two weeks therefrom. In the event of a run off the weights shall be weight for inches as per scale. Entrance fee $5. 2nd prize: $200. 3rd prize: $100.

Mr. Eve's Bengal 154 lbs. .... (Mr. Proulx) 1
Mr. L. Reidy's San Diego 154 lbs. .....(Mr. Reidy) 2

Time: 2 mins. 05.2/5 secs.

Mr. Huen Chung's Chow Tsze Lon 152 lbs. ....(Mr. Wong) 3
Mr. Luen Yick's Warlordship 149 lbs. .....(Mr. Loo) 0
Dr. S. To Wong's Fair Eyes 152 lbs. .....(Mr. Wong) 3

3 lengths; 5 lengths.

Pari-mutuel: — winner $5.90; places, 1st $5.10; 2nd $5.30.

	Winner.	Places.
Bengal	1445	697
San Diego	305	246
Chow Tsze Lon	112	94
Warlordship	44	47

With the exception of the first furlong when he partnered San Diego who had the rails berth, Bengal ran a lone race. The other three flattered for a moment after passing the Rock, when they closed up and gained on the hot favourite, but that was about all. Bengal drew away from the field after passing the football stand, then went back for a while, and finally won in good time without being extended. San Diego was second. Warlordship, which had run third most of the way, got his head in front of San Diego with two furlongs to go but faded out. Chow Tsze Lon brought up the rear and passed Warlordship in the straight.

5.—Boa Vista Handicap: "C" class: six furlongs.—For China ponies, entrance $5, 1st prize: $400, 2nd prize: $150, 3rd prize: $100.

Mr. Wayfoong's Brown Jug 155 lbs. .....(Mr. Clark) 1
Messrs. Chan and Rafeek's Nara Stag (late The Grouse) 150 lbs. ..... (Mr. Harriman) 2
Mr. R. Gordon's Fire Call 152 lbs. .....(Mr. Reidy) 3
Mr. A. A. Miller's Scooter 147 lbs. .....(Mr. Miller) 4
Mr. A. D. Crabbe's Gold Medal 163 lbs. .....(Mr. Usher) 0
Mr. M. D. Erskine's Easter Day 162 lbs. (Mr. Erskine) 0
Mr. H. A. Kelley's Barley Grass 156 lbs. ..(Mr. Kelly) 0
Mr. Tsze U's Bright Prospect (late Limestone Hall) 157 lbs. .....(Mr. Wong) 0
Mr. Hee Cheong's Waichow 156 lbs. ....(Mr. Charles) 0
Mr. E. L. Hosie's The Haugh 154 lbs. .....(Mr. Seth) 0
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Skipper 150 lbs. ....(Mr. Bulteel) 0
Mr. C. W. P. Richardson's Silver Fox 150 lbs. ..... (Mr. Richardson) 0
Mr. Pierce Grove's Siang River 145 lbs. ..... (Mr. Backhouse) 0
Mr. Pierce Grove's Little River 145 lbs. (Mr. Morgan) 0
Mr. O. Kitchell's Zin (late Temple Hall) 145 lbs. .... (Mr. Liang) 0

Time: 1 min. 37.2/5 secs.
Short head; 3 lengths.

Pari-mutuel:— winners $33.20; places, 1st $10.50; 2nd $14.30; 3rd $23.50.

	Winner.	Places.
Bright Prospect	294	237
Brown Jug	156	233
The Haugh	149	148
Easter Day	147	271
Nara Stag	129	163
Gold Medal	115	132
Waichow	60	76
Fire Call	56	82
Skipper	54	83
Barley Grass	42	77
Scooter	19	18
Little River	8	14
Siang River	7	6
Zin	6	4
Silver Fox	2	5

Here was another exciting finish with the honours in doubt until the numbers had gone up. The field of fifteen got away poorly after several attempts. Waichow, Brown Jug Fire Call were in the van. Nara Stag, who finally came up with a desperate challenge, was in the bunch until the two miles' post—when it was just a fraction of a second too late. At the quarter mile post Brown Jug had swept past Waichow which gradually lost ground. Fire Call followed on and Brown Jug appeared to have won easily where Nara Stag came through the field and almost did the trick, losing only by a short head. Scooter had also run up but just failed to catch Fire Call who took third. Skipper, Bright Prospect and The Haugh were next, spread out with the others much further back. Bright Prospect, The Haugh, Easter Day and Gold Medal received a fair measure of support in a very open race but were unplaced. Brown Jug was in good demand but paid a fine dividend. Nara Stag carried a number of tickets, but Fire Call was an outsider.

6.—D'Aguilar Plate: once round. (about 7 furlongs 55 yards).—For subscription griffins of this club of any season and non-winning griffins of this season, weight for inches as per scale, subscription griffins of this season and non-winning griffins allowed 5 lbs.; winners of one race 5 lbs. extra, of two races 10 lbs. extra, of three or more races 15 lbs. extra; jockey allowance, entrance $5. 1st prize: $400, 2nd prize: $150, 3rd prize: $100.

Mr. Chan Tin-sion's Winsome Stag 153 lbs. ..... (Mr. Harriman) 1
Mr. L. Dunbar's Coos Bay 153 lbs. ....(Mr. da Roza) 2
Dr. S. To Wong's Fair Eyes 152 lbs. .....(Mr. Wong) 3

Messrs. Dunbar and Reidy's Tarmacadam (late Fame Hall) 142 lbs. (Mr. Miller) 0

Time: 1 min. 53.2/5 secs.
Head; many lengths.

Pari-mutuel:— winners $6.90; Places, 1st $5.10; 2nd $5.10.

	Winner.	Places.
Coos Bay	530	348
Fair Eyes	107	78
Winsome Stag	1226	479
Tarmacadam	43	23

After a fast set off, Winsome Stag and Coos Bay took part in a neck and neck race up the straight, with the former on the rails, getting the verdict by a head. Winsome Stag was an odds on favourite. Coos Bay was strongly backed in the place betting, with the result that only nominal dividends were paid out on that tote. Coos Bay led on the outside of Winsome Stag and Tarmacadam, the last named on the rails. Several changes took place in the first furlong. Tarmacadam was sent ahead on the inside. Then he was displaced by the favourite. Mr. da Roza drew Coos Bay into the rails and shot out into a momentary lead. Winsome Stag ran on and led till the straight where Coos Bay drew alongside and stayed there till the end but was never ahead. Tarmacadam faded out early. Fair Eyes clung on tenaciously to Coos Bay until the straight where he fell back but stayed on to win third money.

7.—Kellett Handicap: "B" Class: one and a quarter miles.—For China ponies, entrance $5. 1st prize: $450, 2nd prize: $200, 3rd prize: $100.

Mr. L. Reidy's Tarzan 151 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 1
Mr. F. Usher's Mowgli 153 lbs. .....(Mr. Usher) 2
Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Kom Tong Hall 159 lbs. ..(Mr. Wong) 3
Mr. Splits's Pegasus (late Manor Hall) 158 lbs. ..... (Mr. Charles) 4
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Dobbin 164 lbs. ....(Mr. Bulteel) 0
Mr. George's Horsford 160 lbs. (Mr. Seth) 0
Mr. Hee Cheong's Man of War 150 lbs. ..(Mr. Proulx) 0
Mr. C. T. C.'s Southern Stag 142 lbs. ...(Mr. Harriman) 0

Time: 2 mins. 44.4/5 secs.
2½ lengths; 3 lengths.

Pari-mutuel:— winner $22.70; Places, 1st $9.20; 2nd $8.70; 3rd $11.30.

	Winner.	Places.
Tarzan	284	250
Dobbin	282	317
Pegasus	248	153
Mowgli	233	271
Kom Tong Hall	206	161
Horsford	112	154
Southern Stag	53	106
Man of War	17	28

This was another race in which the betting was very open. An experiment was tried with Dobbin, the top weight and favourite who ran in blinkers and was not set to make the pace. He finished sixth. Of the other well-backed ponies, Tarzan won, Mowgli was second, Kom Tong Hall third and Pegasus fourth. Southern Stag was the first to show out but never threatened danger and finished a bad last. Horsford shot away, while Dobbin kept very close to him on the outside. Next came Tarzan and Man of War. Kom Tong Hall was worked up steadily and materially improved his position up the incline. Horsford and Mowgli ran together down the incline, with Tarzan and Kom Tong Hall keeping company immediately behind. Kom Tong Hall was sent out and had a clear lead into the straight from Mowgli and Tarzan, Horsford having faded out. Tarzan overhauled Mowgli at the top of the straight and then beat Kom Tong Hall at the distance post. Mowgli came on strongly but did not get on terms with Tarzan. Kom Tong Hall was a moderate third. Pegasus was fourth, with Dobbin and Horsford close up.

8.—Kellett Handicap: "A" Class: one and a quarter miles.—For China ponies, entrance $5, 1st prize: $450, 2nd prize: $200, 3rd prize: $100.

Mr. Eve's Boxing Eve 168 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 1
Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Blackstone 152 lbs. .....(Mr. Wong) 2
Mr. K. H.'s Chemal 158 lbs. (Mr. da Roza) 3
Mr. Chan Tin-sion's Mongolian Stag (late Dumfries) 151 lbs. .....(Mr. Harriman) 4
Messrs. F. Usher and A. D. Crabbe's Warrington 153 lbs. .....(Mr. Usher) 0
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Ukelele 145 lbs. .....(Mr. Bulteel) 0

Time: 2 mins. 40.2/5 secs.
1½ lengths; 4 lengths.

Pari-mutuel: — winner $8.30; Places, 1st $5.70; 2nd $5.80; 3rd $7.70.

	Winner.	Places.
Boxing Eve	1042	634
Blackstone Hall	509	500
Mongolian Stag	166	199
Chemal	111	164
Ukelele	78	154
Warrington	38	88

Punters judged form fairly well in this race in which Boxing Eve defied a "penalty" of 10 lbs. over weight for inches and ran the last quarter in 29 seconds—after a slow beginning. Boxing Eve was an odds on favourite and he won handsomely. Blackstone Hall was not disgraced in running second. Mr. Wong got the best out of him in a splendid drive up the straight. Mongolian Stag received a little more support than did Chemal but the latter took third place by a narrow margin. Warrington was fifth and Ukelele last. Mongolian Stag had the best of the start. Boxing Eve began slowly and Warrington was left at the post. Chemal made the running but Blackhouse Hall soon went up and ran in company. Boxing Eve was well held in a favourable position three lengths behind. Chemal established a long lead going up to the Rock where the favourite had moved up to second berth. Down the incline, Mongolian Stag and Blackstone Hall both improved. Boxing Eve was an easy first with two furlongs to go. Then Blackstone Hall came with a determined rush but was shaken off without difficulty. Chemal ran on to be third, with Mongolian Stag almost on terms.

Jockeys' Form This Season.

Places gained by jockeys in extra meetings this season are as follow:—

	1st	2nd	3rd
Mr. Proulx	4	0	0
Dr. Reidy	3	1	3
Mr. Harriman	2	3	2
„ Charles	2	1	2
„ G. U. da Roza	1	3	3
„ T. L. Wong	1	3	3
„ Clark	1	3	0
„ Bulteel	1	1	1
„ Usher	1	1	1
„ Seth	1	0	0
„ Sewell	0	1	0
„ Loo	0	0	1
„ Erskine	0	0	1

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SATURDAY CRICKET.

(Continued from Page 9.)

The R.E. & S. tried nine bowlers, Durand (3 for 26) being the most successful. Scores:—

Engineers & Signals.

L/Cpl. Goodger, b Kermani ..	6
Sgm. Penny, b Kermani	1
Sgm. Waters, b Chan Fook ..	0
Col. Skinner, b Kermani	45
Capt. Carnegie, run out	14
Sgt. Durand, c Suleiman, b Chan Fook	1
L/Cpl. Butler, c Kermani, b Chan Fook	2
Lt. Macdonald, b Kermani	29
C. S. M. Kennard, b Kermani	3
Sgt. Harrison, run out	4
Sgt. Trumper, not out	0
Extras	12
Total	117

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Chan Fook	10	1	32	3
Kermani	8	1	30	5
Suleiman	1	0	10	0
Schroter	2	0	18	0
Rodrigues	2	0	15	0

University 2nd XI.

F. S. Chen, b Goodger	0
H. T. Barma, b Durand	31
A. Chan Fook, b Waters	16
S. R. Kermani, retired	29
A. B. Suleiman, c Skinner, b Durand	4
A. Baker, retired	23
B. H. Schroter, b Carnegie ..	10
A. Rodrigues, c Durand, b Carnegie	22
N. P. Karanjia, c Butler, b Kennard	12
P. L. Tan, b Durand	16
S. Otani, not out	0
Extras	30
Total	193

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodger	9	4	20	1
Harrison	11	3	28	0
Skinner	4	0	19	0
Waters	3	0	13	1
Durand	4.2	0	26	3
Butler	2.2	0	20	0
Carnegie	5	0	18	2
Macdonald	2	0	17	0
Kennard	2	0	2	1

RECREIO v. H.K.C.C. 2ND.

At King's Park, the Club de Recreio easily defeated the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI.

The visitors who batted first, lost three wickets without opening their score. The whole side were dismissed for only 31 of which Collis claimed 17 not out. Sousa bowled well, taking five wickets for 9 runs.

The homesters hit up 102, Barros (33) being top scorer. J. E. Hancock captured six wicket for 30 runs. Scores:—

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.

W. Brackenridge, c & b Pinna	0
S. J. Jordain, run out	0
L. A. R. Duncan, c Remedios, b Sousa	5
J. E. Hancock, c Xavier, b Pinna	0
G. D. Mead, b Sousa	1
Andrew, c Remedios, b Sousa	0
E. R. West, b Sousa	7
J. R. Collis, not out	17
L. M. S. Lloyd, c Xavier, b Sousa	0
Howell, b Alves	1
C. Rankin, l.b.w., b Alves ..	0
Extras	0
Total	31

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pinna	10	5	17	2
Sousa	8	4	9	5
Alves	2.4	1	2	2
Carvalho	1	0	3	0

Club de Recreio.

H. M. Xavier, b Hancock ..	4
L. Guterres, b Hancock	4
G. A. Noronha, b Hancock ..	0
H. A. Barros, c Mead, b West	33
D. Xavier, b Hancock	2
M. F. Pinna, b Duncan	26
F. H. Carvalho, l.b.w., b West	2
C. Basto, b Hancock	2
F. J. Remedios, b Hancock .	11
C. M. Sousa, b West	0
H. A. Alves, not out	13
Extras	5
Total	102

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Andrew	6	1	25	0
Hancock	8.2	1	30	6
West	9	2	21	3
Duncan	4	0	21	1

R.A.O.C. v. CIVIL SERVICE.

Travelling to Sookumpoo, the Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI lost to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps by six wickets.

A feature of the match was that not one of the Civil Service batsmen made more than nine runs, the total reaching 63. Morgan and Hale were in fine bowling form and were responsible for five wickets for 13 and 4 for 27.

The R.A.O.C. passed their visitors' score for the loss of four wickets, and went on to make 107. Hale hit up 28 and Burger 18. Robertson, who bore the brunt of the attack for Civil Service took eight wickets for 48 runs. Scores:—

Civil Service 2nd XI.

H. F. Harper, b Hale	9
R. R. Davies, b Donaldson	6
R. S. W. Paterson, b Hale	9
R. G. Robertson, c Mocock, b Hale	8
W. H. Edmonds, b Morgan ...	6
W. Slade, b Morgan	0
W. Gill, b Morgan	2
C. Sara, c Skinner, b Hale	0
G. Gull, not out	9
C. W. Simmonds, b Morgan ..	8
A. Ursell, c Hale, b Morgan ..	6
Extras	0
Total	63

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Burger	7	0	17	0
Hale	13	4	27	4
Donaldson	1	1	0	1
Morgan	6	2	13	5

R.A.O.C.

L/Cpl. Burger, b Edmonds	18
Cpl. Donaldson, c & b Robertson	3
Pte. Skinner, b Edmonds	1
S/Sgt. Greenaway, c Paterson, b Robertson	12
Q.M.S. Mocock, c Edmonds, b Robertson	15
S. M. Hale, b Robertson	28
L/Cpl. Gordon, b Robertson ...	0
S/Sgt. Waterfield, b Robertson	2
Pte. Bryant, b Robertson	4
L/Cpl. Morgan, not out	6
Pte. Morris, c sub, b Robertson	1
Extras	17
Total	107

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Edmonds	8	1	27	2
Robertson	15.2	2	48	8
Paterson	4	1	6	0
Sara	4	0	9	0

ELECTRIC R.C. v. E.P.R.C.

The Electric R.C. entertained the East Point R.C., the former winning by 99 runs.

Murdoch played a bright innings for a century for the winners, his score including 19 boundary shots.

The East Pointers were all out for 67 runs, McBride getting 25. Stanesby took five wickets for 10 runs. Scores:—

Electric R.C.

G. Murray, b Whitley	5
W. H. N. Murdoch, b Douglas	100
S. Deacon, b Whitley	0
F. Normington, c & b Whitley	3
J. F. Lunny, b Whitley	1
J. R. Way, b Whitley	21
A. F. Paul, b Douglas	20
S. J. Stanesby, not out	2
Extras	11
Total (for 7 wkts., dec.)	166

J. C. Dunbar, T. P. Saunderson, H. S. Jones did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Whitley	15	2	51	5
Douglas	6	1	35	2
Hanlon	3	0	15	0
Purves	4	0	32	0
Vickers	2	0	19	0

East Point R.C.

D. Purves, b Normington ...	0
E. Hanlon, b Stanesby	0
J. A. Douglas, b Normington	11
T. Whitley, l.b.w., b Stanesby	1
H. M. McTavish, c ?, b Stanesby	5
J. M. McBride, c ?, b Way ..	25
W. Williamson, b Normington	0
R. McKeller, b Stanesby	0
J. Wolghmuih, b Stanesby ..	0
F. Samways, not out	11
T. Stokes, b Way	0
Extras	14
Total	67

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Normington	8	0	28	3
Stanesby	6	1	10	5
Way	2.2	0	13	2
Murdoch	1.3	0	2	0

LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:—

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
University	8	7	0	1	21
Kowloon C.C.	7	5	2	0	17
Craigengower C.C.	8	3	3	2	12
Royal Navy	7	3	2	2	11
Indian R.C. "A" ..	7	2	3	2	9
Civil Service C.C. .	8	1	4	3	7
Chinese R.C.	7	1	2	4	5
Royal Artillery ..	7	1	1	5	4
Indian R.C. "B" ..	5	0	1	4	1

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
University 2nd ...	9	9	0	0	27
Kowloon C.C. 2nd .	8	6	1	1	19
Club de Recreio .	9	6	0	3	18
R.A.O.C.	8	5	0	3	15
Royal Navy 2nd .	9	4	1	4	13
Police R.C.	8	3	0	5	9
Electric R.C.	8	2	1	5	7
Royal Engineers .	7	2	0	5	6
Civil Service C.C. .	8	2	0	6	6
"Tamar"	8	0	1	7	1

H.E. AS LECTURER.

UNIVERSITY ADDRESSES ON "THOUGHT."

H.E. the Governor (Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong) will deliver a course of three lectures at the University on "Elements in an analysis of thought and its activities." The dates on which His Excellency will lecture are April 18, April 25 and May 2. The lectures will commence at 5 p.m.

SATURDAY SOCCER.

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tre of interest, as apart from the important bearing it had on the runners-up position of the League, many people were of the opinion that the K.O.S.B.'s would repeat their fine performance of last month, when they defeated the Athletic in the Hong Kong Shield, but contrary to these opinions the Athletic turned the tables on their opponents by defeating them by 2 goals to nothing.

The Borderers won the toss and the Athletic kicked off. The opening stages was packed with thrills, both goalies being tested with hot shots in the first five minutes. The Borderers were the first to show up prominently, and following a nice movement Campbell put in a nice shot which Pau Ka-ping covered well. Shortly following this Campbell again tested the goalie, who, however, cleared well. The Athletic now made valuable ground, and Anderson was called upon to save difficult shots by Suen Kam-shun and Chan Kwong-iu in turn. The Borderers again took up the attack, and their forwards, combining well, took the ball into their opponents' half, where some exciting tussles took place.

A free kick was awarded to the K.O.S.B.'s outside the penalty area, but the Athletic, packing their goal, cleared Davey's kick.

The football up to this stage was of a fast nature, with both teams fighting hard for the opening goal. The Borderers' goal was in danger on one particular occasion when Tso Kwai-shing, after a clever run down the wing centred nicely, but Anderson fisted out of the danger zone. The Athletic came again, however, and the Kosbies had a busy time in suppressing their attacks. The Athletic forced a corner on the right, but the kick was punched out by Anderson. The Borderers now obtained possession, and the ball was soon transferred to the other end, where Alexander had hard luck following a nice pass from McClinchey. Following this Everest put in a good shot that just went wide. At the other end Chan Kwong-iu put outside with a good low shot.

At this stage the Kosbies were doing most of the attacking, but the defence of the Athletic were playing a very safe game, and invariably broke up any threatening movement on the part of the K.O.S.B. forwards. Just before half time Toal headed in a beauty which the goalie just managed to save. The interval whistle came with a goalless draw, after a very keenly contested first half.

Athletic Open.

On resuming, the Athletic were the first to take up the attack, and Anderson was called upon to save from Lam Yuk-ying in the first few minutes, and following this Gardner was forced to concede a corner, but nothing came of it. Anderson was playing a fine game in the Borderers' goal, as time and again he saved good shots from the opposing forwards. The game took the form of a ding-dong struggle with the ball going from one end of the field to the other. The Borderers had hard luck in not opening the scoring when Toal put in a fine shot, which the goalie just saved by dropping full length, and immediately following this Campbell tested him with a good left foot drive, which he covered well.

The Athletic were the first to score; Tso Kwai-shing taking the ball down the wing centred nicely for Ip Kau to score, his shot giving Anderson no chance.

The Borderers strove harder than ever following this reverse, and time and again were within an ace of equalising. The Athletic on the other hand were equally determined to increase their lead, and this looked certain on one occasion when Lam Yuk-ying got through, and sent in a teaser from 15 yards' range, which took Anderson all his time to save. The Athletic were now combining better than the Borderers, and were not long in adding to their score when Chan Kwong-iu netted with a fine shot which absolutely deceived Anderson.

The Borderers, faced with the hard task of making good this 2 goals deficit never gave up hope as they strove hard to score, and were often a danger to the opposing defence.

The Athletic, however, maintained their 2-0 lead to the end, and the final whistle came after a very good game, with the Chinese, on the whole, the better team.

Chinese Athletic 2
K.O.S.B. 0

QUEEN'S REGT. v. POLICE.

Teams:—

Queen's.—Rowbottom: Dodds. Farrell; Burns, Morris, Hill; Richardson, Taylor, Beauty, Barclay, Caldicutt.

Police. — Clarke: Britton, Sherry; McGreavy, Oram, Jessop; Pile, Howarth, Cornwall.

These teams met on St. Joseph's ground on Saturday and the Queen's, despite the fact that the Police were two men short, could only draw, the score being 0-0.

The Police kicked off, but the Queen's soon obtained possession, and after some midfield exchanges transferred play into their opponents' half. Clarke in the Police goal had quite a busy time, as he was called upon to save shots from Morris and Richardson in quick succession. The Police now took up the attack, and Pile was very unfortunate, when, with a fine shot he struck the upright, with the goalie well beaten. Caldicutt got away on the wing for the Queen's and sent in a good shot which went over, and shortly following this Burns sent in a teaser from a free kick, which Clarke saved well by tipping the ball over the bar for a corner.

Up to this stage the Queen's were having the better of the exchanges, but the Police defence played a fine game. Barclay had hard luck for the Queen's when he put in a good drive which Clarke, however, saved well, and immediately following this Morris shot wide. The shooting of the Queen's was very erratic, and consequently some excellent opportunities to take the lead were missed. Just before half time Barclay had a golden opportunity to score, but shot wide with only the goalie to beat. The half time whistle came with the Queen's easily the superior team, although the Police played well against such odds.

The game resumed with the Queen's again on top, but their shooting was still at fault. Beauty made good ground, and put in a fine shot which Clarke did well to save, and shortly following this Clarke was again called upon to save from a tussle in front of the goalmouth. Pile got away on the right and sent in a nice centre, which nearly resulted in a goal, Cornwall heading into the goalie's hands. Following this Cornwall should have put the Police one up, when from about 5 yards he shot wide. Queen's got going again, and yet another fine chance to score was missed by Beauty who shot wide following Richardson's pass. The game continued in this strain till the end, which came with the score sheet blank, and honours in favour of the Queen's, who, but for their erratic shooting would certainly have won.

Queen's 0
Police 0

Hong Kong League Junior Division "A."

KOWLOON RES v. R.A. RES.

At Kowloon F.C. ground the following teams lined out:—

Kowloon: Nicholls; Guest, Eastman; Roberts, Bliss, Dunnett; Pile, Hast, Fermeaux, Clarke, Blacklock.

R.A.: Bridgeman; Nellis, Rogers; Seal, Ward, Sharland; Rigden, Eagles, Oliver, McDonough, French.

Referee: Mr. Willis.

A fairly good crowd saw bright opening exchanges and Kowloon, although without Coates, Wood, Spary and Tiernan, played up well until a free kick was awarded the Gunners. Nicholls saved in good style.

R.A. broke away, French sending over a nice centre, but Oliver shot high over the bar. Blacklock burst through on his own but Pile put outside and Kowloon were unlucky after the R.A. back had missed his kick, Bridgeman bringing off a good save. The interval arrived with no score.

In the second half Kowloon did some shuffling forward. Fermeaux missed closed in with a good chance and R.A. forced the pace. Guest and Eastman were steady backs and many of the R.A. movements were stopped just in time. Bliss sent a crashing shot to Bridgeman, but the goalie saved well and R.A. broke away through Oliver and, passing in the nick of time, McDonough beat Nicholls, who fumbled the shot.

Kowloon played up spiritedly and Pile put Blacklock right through, the winger centreing to an open goal. The R.A. goalie helped the ball into the net.

R.A. came away and should have scored, but Nicholls saved well, and with a big drive Fermeaux put over the bar. Kowloon were aggressive in the last few minutes and Hast was breaking through, but had his kick charged down.

Comment.

The game was a bright one and a draw about represented the run of play, as both goals were lucky ones. Kowloon were well served by Guest and Eastman, the latter making a good show at back, and Bliss, Fermeaux, Pile and Blacklock were prominent. For the R.A., Bridgeman played well and saved his side from defeat. Nellis Ward, Oliver, McDonough and Eagles were prominent.

RECREIO RES. v. K.O.S.B. RES.

At King's Park before a large crowd the following teams lined out:—

Recreio: Silva; Gosano (B), Oliveira, Pinna, Noronha, Brown; Souza, Silva, Roza, Castro.

K.O.S.B. Regt. Res: Boyes; Harris, Martin; McKnight, Gow, Hume; Skeggs, Hart, Crawley, Stevens, Craig.

Referee: Mr. Stokes.

The Recreio Juniors played one man short and were no match for their clever opponents, who fielded a very strong side. The Recreio defence could not hold the clever Borderer forwards and Crawley scored early, following up the success with another good shot well out of Silva's reach. The Recreio defence stood up manfully to their powerful opponents but were handicapped by their absentee. The Borderers Reserves played a clever forward game, and Stevens smashed in another before half time. Excepting for an occasional break away by Souza and Silva on the right, the Borderers' kept their opponents penned in their own half in the second half and the forward machinery again got going Crawley scoring and Stevens adding No. 5. Hart completed the success of the inside forwards who formed a bright line, showing good class football.

Boyes was very little called upon in the Regiment goal, owing to the good work of Harris and Martin, safe backs, and Gow and Hume kept up a steady attack, plying their clever forwards with nice passes which brought goals, the Borderers forward line being just right.

Silva, Oliviera, Pinna, Souza and Roza, worked hard for Recreio, who were up against much more experienced players.

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The story of how a peasant and his wife, M. and Mme. Nicol, came from Burgundy in France to start the Cafe Royal in Regent-street over sixty years ago with a total capital of £5 borrowed from a moneylender, was told by the Earl of Birkenhead yesterday.

Lord Birkenhead was the guest of honour at a lunch given at the cafe to celebrate the completion of the reconstructed building. Mr. Frank Parkyn, described as the oldest customer—he has been a regular diner there for 50 years—suggested that the present restaurant is the sole survivor of the old Bohemian cafes of London.

Lord Birkenhead described how the Cafe Royal had welcomed every kind of guest over a long period. The grandfather of the present owner, he explained, started the business with a capital of £5, and the founder was never happy until he had put £100 in the bank and was able to see the cafe firmly established.

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HOCKEY.

H. K. CLUB v. H. K. S. R. A.

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI to-morrow, on the Club Ground, King's Park, at 5 p.m.

F. S. Nichols, R. R. Todd, L. F. Nicholson, L. A. R. Duncan (capt.), Rev. J. P. Murray, Rev. N. Evans, L. P. Thomas, W. A. Nowers, A. C. Howell, B. W. Sampson, T. P. Saunderson.

CLUB 1ST XI. v. QUEEN'S REGT.

To be played on U.S.R.C. Ground at 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, the following will represent the Club:—W. J. Lockhart-Smith; J. E. Henry, D. Lyon; A. A. Dand (capt.), E. J. R. Mitchell, L. M. S. Lloyd; G. B. Slipper, J. G. Wheeler, E. D. Lawrence, W. Woodward, G. P. Lammert.

MRS. J. M. WALKER

WIFE OF BANK OFFICIAL PASSES.

The "China Mail" regrets to announce the death of Mrs. J. M. Walker, wife of the Agent of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China at Zamboanga, Philippine Islands. Mr. Walker was accountant of the local office of the Bank up to nearly two years ago and together with his wife was well known in the Colony. He was stationed here for a number of years.

HELPED HIMSELF?

HAWKERS' COMPLAINT TO MAGISTRATE.

CONSTABLE ON REPORT.

At the Central Magistracy on Saturday, Mr. R. E. Lindsell heard a case in which Indian police constable No. B108 charged a hawker with causing an obstruction in West Point with two baskets of crockery.

The defendant's story was that he was not causing any obstruction. The constable, he alleged, attempted to help himself to a couple of cups from one of his baskets, and when he demanded that the constable put them back, the latter arrested him on a charge of obstruction.

The Magistrate believed the hawker's story and discharged him.

Inspector Clarke, who had charge of the case, was instructed to place the constable on report.

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A Post Office notice issued on Saturday, gives the following information as to letters etc. awaiting claimants.

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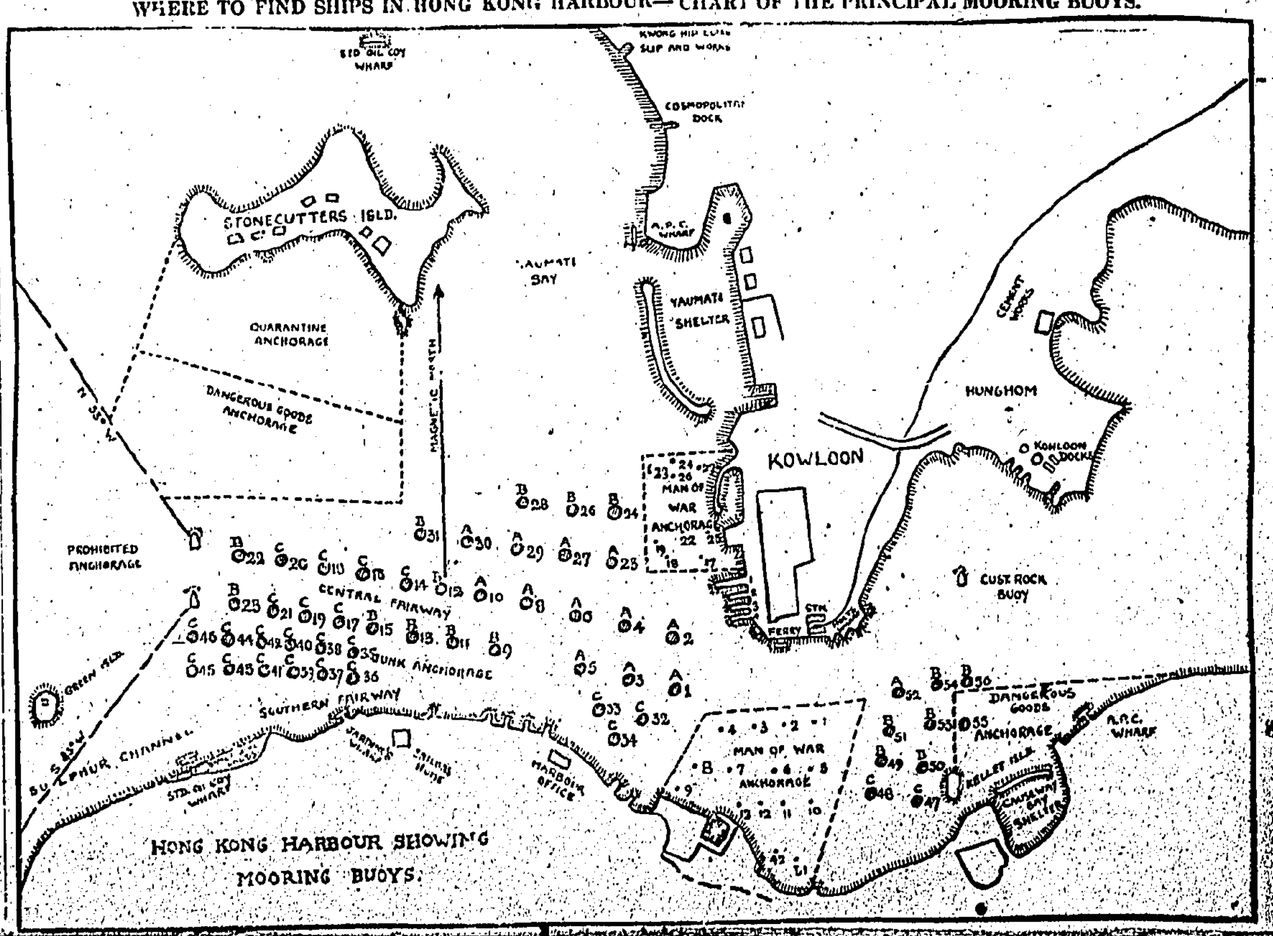

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HOME FOOTBALL.

INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR MATCH.

THE LEAGUE RESULTS.

London Yesterday.

Principal soccer matches played to-day (home team mentioned first) resulted as follow:—

Amateur International.

At Cardiff: Wales 0, England 2.

Division I:

Arsenal 3, Blackburn 2.
Aston Villa 1, Birmingham 1.
Burnley 2, Bolton 2.
Bury 4, Wednesday 2.
Derby 0, Huddersfield 0.
Leicester 1, Everton 0.
Liverpool 1, Cardiff 2.
Portsmouth 1, Manchester United 0.
Sheffield United 4, Middlesbrough 1.
Sunderland 1, Newcastle 1.
West Ham 1, Tottenham 1.

Division II.

Barnsley 2, West Bromwich 4.
Fulham 2, Clapton Orient 0.
Hull 0, Reading 1.
Leeds 6, Notts. County 0.
Manchester City 2, Grimsby 0.
Notts. Forest 2, Oldham 1.
Port Vale 0, Stoke 0.
Preston 2, Blackpool 1.
South Shields 2, Southampton 1.
Swansea 0, Chelsea 0.
Wolverhampton 5, Bristol City 2.

Division III (South).

Bristol Rovers 1, Exeter 2.
Charlton 0, Crystal Palace 4.
Coventry 2, Brighton 2.
Gillingham 1, Southend 0.
Merthyr 1, Norwich 1.
Newport 4, Bournemouth 3.
Plymouth 4, Torquay 1.
Queen's Park Rangers 3, Luton 2.
Swindon 1, Brentford 1.
Walsall 1, Northants 1.
Watford 0, Millwall 3.

Division III (North).

Accrington 1, Rochdale 1.
Ashington 2, Wrexham 1.
Bradford City 3, Tranmere 1.
Crewe 4, Chesterfield 1.
Darlington 5, Durham 0.
Doncaster 0, Southport 1.
Halifax 1, Bradford 1.
Hartlepools 4, Nelson 5.
Lincoln 5, Barrow 0.
New Brigton 0, Stockport 0.
Wigan 0, Rotherham 0.

Scottish League.

Bo'ness 0, Aberdeen 0.
Celtic 2, Hearts 1.
Dunfermline 2, Clyde 3.
Falkirk 4, Raith 1.
Hibernians 2, Rangers 1.
Kilmarnock 1, Dundee 2.
Motherwell 1, St. Johnstone 0.
Partick 0, Airdrienonians 2.
Queen's Park 4, Hamilton 1.
St. Mirren 3, Cowdenbeath 2.

—Reuter.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
Huddersfield	32	18	6	8	75	50	42
Everton	33	14	10	9	76	54	38
Cardiff	33	15	8	10	58	53	38
Leicester	33	15	7	11	72	60	37
Bolton	33	14	8	11	66	52	36
Blackburn	33	13	9	11	50	57	35
Newcastle	32	12	10	10	66	62	34
Burnley	34	14	5	15	63	75	33
Sunderland	31	12	8	11	63	59	32
Arsenal	31	12	8	11	68	70	32
Tottenham	32	13	6	13	63	64	32
West. Ham	33	12	8	13	65	69	32
Bury	34	15	2	17	60	68	32
Liverpool	33	11	9	13	73	67	31
Birmingham	33	9	13	11	55	63	31
Aston Villa	31	12	6	13	62	62	30
Derby	32	11	8	13	69	68	30
Middlesbro'	33	10	10	13	69	71	30
M'chester U.	32	11	7	14	49	56	29
Sheffield	32	11	7	14	59	68	29
Portsmouth	32	11	7	14	51	73	29
Wednesday	32	6	10	16	56	67	22

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
Chelsea	33	20	7	6	63	31	47
M'chester C.	31	19	6	6	78	46	44
Preston N.E.	33	18	8	7	74	45	44
Leeds	33	19	6	8	81	51	44
Stoke	32	16	7	9	58	46	39
Oldham	32	16	6	10	60	37	38
West Brom.	33	14	9	10	77	57	37
Notts. Forest	31	14	6	11	68	61	34
Port Vale	32	15	4	13	57	47	34
Swansea	32	13	8	11	61	56	34
Bristol City	33	13	7	13	66	67	33
Grimsby	34	11	10	13	49	66	32
Hull	31	9	11	11	35	41	29
Reading	32	10	9	13	46	60	29
Clapton O.	32	10	7	15	46	67	27
Notts. Cnty.	33	9	9	15	53	66	27
Barnsley	32	9	8	15	41	69	26
Fulham	32	10	5	17	61	73	25
Wolves	32	9	7	16	53	79	25
Southampton	33	9	7	17	50	61	25
Blackpool	33	9	7	17	63	85	25
Sth. Shields	33	5	6	22	44	93	16

Division III. (South)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
Millwall	32	21	5	6	98	45	47
Northants	30	18	6	6	81	48	42
Plymouth	32	17	5	10	69	45	39
Exeter	31	14	9	8	53	42	37
Brighton	32	14	9	9	64	55	37
Queen's P.R.	32	15	6	11	54	41	36
Newport	31	14	7	10	64	54	35
Crystal Pal.	32	13	9	10	59	59	35
Southend	31	14	4	13	55	54	32
Brentford	33	13	5	15	58	61	31
Gillingham	30	11	8	11	48	51	30
Charlton	30	10	10	10	42	54	30
Bournemouth	31	11	7	13	57	60	29
Norwich	31	8	9	14	55	59	25
Watford	31	10	5	16	51	62	25
Bristol R.	31	11	3	17	56	71	25
Merthyr	33	8	9	16	46	73	25
Coventry	31	9	6	16	53	71	24
Walsall	33	9	6	18	54	80	24
Torquay	32	6	10	16	39	81	22
Luton	30	8	5	17	66	74	21

Division III. (North).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
Bradford	33	21	9	3	86	32	53
Doncaster	32	19	5	8	68	34	43
Stockport	31	17	6	8	62	39	40
Tranmere	31	16	7	8	76	50	39
Darlington	31	17	4	10	70	44	38
Bradford C.	33	14	10	9	72	51	38
Lincoln	33	17	4	11	68	59	38
Southport	32	17	3	12	56	51	37
Accrington	33	14	8	11	63	54	36
Wrexham	33	15	5	13	50	51	35
Halifax	32	11	11	10	62	53	33
Rochdale	31	15	1	15	61	61	31
New Brighton	31	11	8	12	51	45	30
Rotherdam	33	11	8	14	55	54	30
Hartlepools	33	12	5	16	58	70	29
Chesterfield	33	10	8	15	57	66	28
Crewe	32	9	7	16	62	71	25
Ashington	32	8	7	18	53	87	23
Nelson	31	9	3	19	58	96	21
Wigan	33	7	7	19	41	77	21
Durham	33	8	5	20	41	80	21
Barrow	33	7	7	19	39	91	21

Scottish League.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
Motherwell	32	20	7	5	80	36	47
Rangers	30	20	6	4	88	32	46
Celtic	31	19	8	4	7'	28	46
Hearts	33	19	5	9	85	44	43
St. Mirren	33	17	6	10	68	64	40
Aberdeen	33	16	5	12	61	54	37
Falkirk	33	16	4	13	72	58	36
Partick	32	15	5	12	71	55	35
Kilmarnock	33	13	9	11	58	68	35
St. Johnstone	33	13	8	12	63	57	34
Cowdenbeath	31	13	7	11	54	55	33
Dundee	33	13	5	15	59	73	31
Hibernians	33	11	7	15	59	64	29
Airdrieonians	33	9	10	13	48	61	28
Clyde	33	10	7	16	42	66	27
Queen's Park	33	10	6	17	60	71	26
Hamilton	33	10	4	19	59	75	24
Bo'ness	32	9	5	18	40	73	23
Raith	31	6	5	20	45	86	17
Dunfermline	32	3	3	26	36	106	9

BILLIARDS HANDICAP.

There are thirty entries for the Palace Hotel billiards handicap. Play commences next Wednesday, at 6 p.m.

The entries are as follow:—Messrs. A. W. Graves, F. N. Pereira, A. G. Locke, W. Gossett, L. V. Xavier, J. F. Lloyd, J. Beach, F. Broadberry, H. Goodyer, F. Jones, F. E. Silva, W. W. Walton, L. V. Antonio, S. J. Bradsell, J. M. V. Ribeiro, S. M. Cruz, M. M. Silva, A. Lewis, P. Castilho, A. Baptista, E. A. V. Remedios, W. Howells, A. M. Holland, J. W. Lee, W. Stevenson, F. W. Black, J. C. Remedios, G. H. Brown, A. F. Da Cunha, and W. Ogley.

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20	6.27	6.34
21	6.27	6.35
22	6.26	6.36
23	6.25	6.36
24	6.24	6.36
25	6.23	6.36
26	6.22	6.37
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FRIDAY, MARCH 23.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 24.

Europe via Nagapatine Letters only London, 23rd Feb. ..... Eurylochus

MONDAY, MARCH 26.

Manila ..... Empress of Asia

TUESDAY, MARCH 27.

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MONDAY, MARCH 19.		
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kwong Ying	4 p.m.
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Manila	President Lincoln ..	4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Chaksang	5 p.m.
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TUESDAY, MARCH 20.		
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels 9 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.	Talma	
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *U.S.A., *Canada, *C. & *S. America and *Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 13th Apr. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Taiyo Maru	
Fort Bayard	Tai Pao Sek	12.30 p.m.
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th Apr. K.P.O. Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. .	Philoctetes	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 9th Apr. and Europe via Siberia. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. ...	President Grant	
Amoy	Kutsang	5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21.		
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 2nd Apr. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. .	Tango Maru	
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THURSDAY, MARCH 22.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru	8.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 23.		
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.	Hosang	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	2 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei	Kuelchow	2.30 p.m.

NANKING SEQUEL,

Nationalists' Response to Powers.

CHINESE LEADERS' VIEWS.

To Pay "Within Capacity And Reason."

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Reports from Nanking state that the Nationalist Government yesterday issued two important mandates, one ordering the arrest of the principal culprits responsible for the Nanking incident and the second decreeing the protection of foreigners in China.

The first places the responsibility for the outrages on a "part of the Nationalist army, together with local riff-raff at the instigation of the Communists," and claims that there have been executed 19 soldiers and 32 "local desperados" in this connection.

Chiang Kai-shek.

In a speech at Nanking yesterday Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, referring to diplomatic relations, said that the first matter to settle was the Nanking incident.

Interviewed in Shanghai on the same subject, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, General Hwang Fu, confirmed the reports from London, Tokyo and Peking to the effect that the Nanking Government was negotiating with the Powers concerned, seeking a settlement of the incident. He stated that the Nanking Government was very anxious for a settlement and that Sir Miles Lampson was handling British interests and the American Consul-General at Shanghai was attending to United States interests.

Subordinates Punished.

While the foreign representatives refuse to discuss the subject, General Hwang Fu revealed that the Powers' demands made shortly after the incident had been considerably lessened, virtually abandoning the punishment demands.

General Hwang Fu stated that the Nationalist General, Cheng Chien, generally believed to have been the chief instigator, was not responsible for the incident, and that his subordinates who were really responsible for it had been punished.

He added that the Nationalist Government was willing to apologise, but that the settlement mainly concerned the determining of the indemnities, which Nanking was willing to pay "within capacity and reason."—Reuter.

Feeling at River Ports.

Week-end Naval Wireless messages report that there is no anti-foreign feeling at Changsha. Changsha is a port on the Siang River, a tributary of the Yangtsze. It is the capital of the Hunan provincial government. A little further south is an area infested by Reds. North is Hankow. General Cheng Chien (who was in charge at Nanking when the anti-foreign outrages were committed a year ago) is in control at Changsha with the 6th and 13th Nationalist armies.

From Wanhsien, however, comes the news that an atmosphere of antagonism is springing up. Wanhsien is roughly 800 miles up the Yangtsze. It is above Ichang, in territory now occupied by General Yang Sen who belongs to no recognised Party.

POWERS PROTEST.

AGAINST NEW POSTAL AGREEMENT.

Peking, Saturday.

The Powers signatory to the Washington Agreement have protested against the Postal Agreement mainly on the ground that China agreed at Washington not to curtail the powers of the co-Director General whereas the agreement considerably weakens them, as now there is only one foreign with three Chinese directors.—Reuter.

U.S. MARINES.

TO WATCH NICARAGUAN ELECTIONS.

Washington, Saturday.

Two additional Battalions of Marines are going as soon as possible to Nicaragua to help to supervise the forthcoming elections.—Reuter's American Service.

"RED SPECIALISTS."

Soviet Adopt New Slogan.

THE GERMAN RUPTURE.

Newspapers Say Western Powers Preventing Friendly Relations.

Riga, Yesterday.

The Russo-German dispute over the Donetz arrests has thrown up a few slogan, "Red specialists for Red Russia" which has been adopted by the Soviet Press and Soviet organisations since the recent demand of M. Rykoff that Russia should do her utmost to produce her own loyal non-bourgeois specialists.

The newspapers are astonished at Germany's rupture of trade negotiations and adduce that the long arguments show the Western Powers are trying to prevent the development of Russian relations with other countries.—Reuter.

STILL MISSING.

ONTARIO REPORT NOT VERIFIED.

HINCHLIFFE MYSTERY.

New York, Saturday.

The report of hearing an aeroplane near Greenville, referred to yesterday night from Ottawa, up to now lacks confirmation. The neighbourhood is a wilderness with a few scattered lumber camps. Both the Canadian and United States Governments are considering sending an aeroplane to investigate but hesitate until reports are better founded.—Reuter's American Service.

[A previous report stated that a brilliantly coloured plane had been observed near the Canadian border at Greenville, Maine, flying in a north-westerly direction.]

NAVAL SENSATION.

COURT MARTIAL LIKELY IN LONDON.

London, Saturday.

The King gave an audience to Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty.

Malta, Saturday.

Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Collard are returning to London via Italy.

The "Evening Standard" gathers that there will be a general Court Martial at the Admiralty.

The Admiralty states that it has received a report from Malta that the Court of Enquiry which is considering the matter adds definitely that there has been no mutiny or refusal to sail under Rear-Admiral Collard nor has a Court Martial yet been held.—Reuter.

FATAL TORNADO.

WOMAN KILLED IN FLORIDA.

Orlando (Florida), Yesterday.

A woman was killed and 15 persons injured in a tornado which cut a patch 300 feet wide through the town of Sorrento. Seven houses were destroyed.—Reuter's American Service.

EGYPT CABINET.

WAFD LEADER NOW PREMIER.

Cairo, Saturday.

The Wafd leader, Mustapha Nahas Pasha, has accepted the premiership and formed a cabinet.—Reuter.

RAMADAN FESTIVAL.

The Iman of the Mahommedan Mosque in Shelley-street has intimated that if the new moon is seen on the evening of Thursday, the 22nd instant, the Eid-ul-Fitr commonly called the Festival of the Breaking of the Fast will take place on the following day, the 23rd instant and in the event of the new moon not being seen on the night of the 22nd instant then the Festival will be celebrated on Saturday, the 24th instant.

The Namaz (Prayers) will commence at 9.15 a.m. punctually at the Mosque.

Muslims attending the Namaz are requested to be in the Mosque at 9 a.m.

Muslims celebrate this occasion on the conclusion of the month of Ramadan Fasting.

KING UNDER WATER.

Amanullah's Trip In A Submarine.

MIMIC WARFARE.

Entertainment Of Egyptian Royalty In England.

London, Yesterday.

What interested Amanullah more than anything was a thrilling display of aerobatics by two daring young pilots, Gray and Barlow. With perfect grace and rhythm they went through a series of amazing antics, climbing vertically in the sky and spinning upwards—which is one of most difficult aerobatic stunts—and falling dizzily to a low attitude whence they swooped up again over Amanullah's head.

A flight of great bombers rose with a roar and climbed to a dizzy height then dropped almost perpendicularly to within about 50 feet of the ground and loosed their smoke bombs on a dummy camp which quickly burst into flames and was reduced to ashes. The King was much impressed by the fact that every single bomb hit its mark.

King Amanullah will create a precedent to-morrow when he makes a 20-miles cruise in Submarine L22, which for a considerable part of the time will travel under water, and will experience the thrill of torpedoing a British battleship. He will be the only monarch who has ever made a submarine trip under what will be very largely service conditions. Among the escorting vessels will be the minesweeper "Alresford," from the deck of which Queen Souriya will watch the progress of L22. In order that she may better follow the manœuvres of the submarine it will submerge only to a depth of about 25 feet so that its periscope will be visible above the surface of the sea.

In Conning Tower.

L22, commanded by Lieutenant Commander Stephens, is one of the finest of her class. She is 238 feet long and carries a crew of 40. Her armament consists of a quick-firing gun and four torpedo tubes.

Rear-Admiral Grace, Rear-Admiral of Submarines, will be present in L22 to explain to Amanullah the various manœvres. When L22 leaves the harbour she will fly the Afghan standard and royal salutes will be fired. Amanullah will acknowledge the salute from a position in the Conning tower where he will remain until the submarine reaches Stoke's Bay, when he will descend into the interior of the boat in preparation for its submersion.

Then will come the most exciting incident. Amanullah will be conducted to the bows of L22 where torpedo tubes are situated. Into one of these a 21-inch torpedo with a dummy head will be loaded and this the King will fire at the battleship. The whole practice is being carried out as in actual warfare.—British Wireless Service.

BIG CAR TO PEKING.

WOMAN'S JOURNEY FROM BERLIN.

Peking, Yesterday.

Fraulein Claerenore Stinnes, daughter of the late Hugo Stinnes, drove into Peking yesterday morning from Berlin. She has driven the entire distance in a six cylinder Adler sedan accompanied by Mr. Soederstroem, a Swedish cinema photographer, and four mechanics who drove an Adler lorry.

Miss Stinnes left Berlin last May and passed through the Balkans, Angora, Syria, Persia, Caucasia, Russia and Siberia. The party was held up at Irkutsk for two months waiting for the ice on Lake Baikal to thicken and permit crossing. This hazardous feat was finally accomplished. Fraulein Stinnes describing this forty kilometre ride as the most exciting part of the journey.

In Urga they were warned against bandits. They fell into a trench cut across the track by bandits but escaped, and avoided other gangs by detours.

After a stay of five days Fraulein Stinnes is going to Mukden with the intention of proceeding to Japan and North and South America.—Reuter.

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